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Making Political Issue Out Of Conscription **TORIES FAVOUR 'SNAP' ELECTION**

Broader Based Cabinet Possible

London, To-day.
THE Government's announcement of conscription has been received with relief by the majority of M.P.'s, writes Reuter's lobby correspondent.

Already there is evidence that the Liberal section of the Opposition will make as few difficulties as possible.

Apart from the general views expressed in the House of Commons, the Labour Opposition remain non-committal pending knowledge of the scope of the Government motion to be submitted to-day.

As regards the political effect in general, the whole area of national effort has widened, and there now remains little to divide the Government from previous Conservative critics.

Consequently, it would not be surprising if Mr. Chamberlain was shortly to make changes in the direction of broadening the basis of the Cabinet.—Reuter.

CHINESE INVADE SHANTUNG IN STRONG FORCE

Peking, To-day.

The 20th and the 22nd Chinese Divisions have crossed the river Hwang Ho at various points in the region of Chungmow and Tungchao on a front of some seventy kilometres.

The Japanese commanders, who have, for the time being, transferred their headquarters from Hsuehchow to Kialfeng, confirm this new Chinese offensive and state that the Chinese will probably try to invade the province of Shantung.

Japanese sources believe that the

PRIME MINISTER NOT IN FAVOUR

London, To-day.
The announcement that compulsory military service is to be introduced is welcomed in both Parliamentary and economic circles, voices of approval being heard even in the ranks of the opposition.

Limiting of recruitment to one military class, namely to those twenty years old, is due, according to information from circles close to the Cabinet to three reasons:

- 1 The surplus equipment of the army at present is not adequate to supply more than one military class,
- 2 by recruiting only a limited number, there will be less likelihood of the industry being disturbed,
- 3 less political opposition is anticipated if a moderate beginning is made in introducing military service.

The Cabinet realise that once introduced military service can be extended to larger groups if deemed necessary.

The possibility of utilizing military service as an issue for new elections is being considered by the Conservative circles.

Mr. Chamberlain is being urged by various quarters to take this step since it is believed that military service would make an excellent election issue.

BRITISH FLEET IN GREEK WATERS

Athens, To-day.

The British Mediterranean fleet has anchored in the Bay of Calamata and at Pylos, it is reported here.

These two harbours will be used as bases for manoeuvres to be carried out during the next few days.—Trans-Ocean.

Chinese offensive was planned in view of the fact that the Japanese troops hitherto stationed at Hsuehchow were transferred further east in order to meet the Chinese offensive in April.—Trans-Ocean.

WHAT CONSCRIPTION MEANS TO BRITAIN

Men between the ages of 20 and 21 will receive six months' training. At the end of this period they will be given an opportunity of entering the Territorials for three and a half years. If conscripts do not exercise this option, they will pass into a special reserve of the Regular Army.

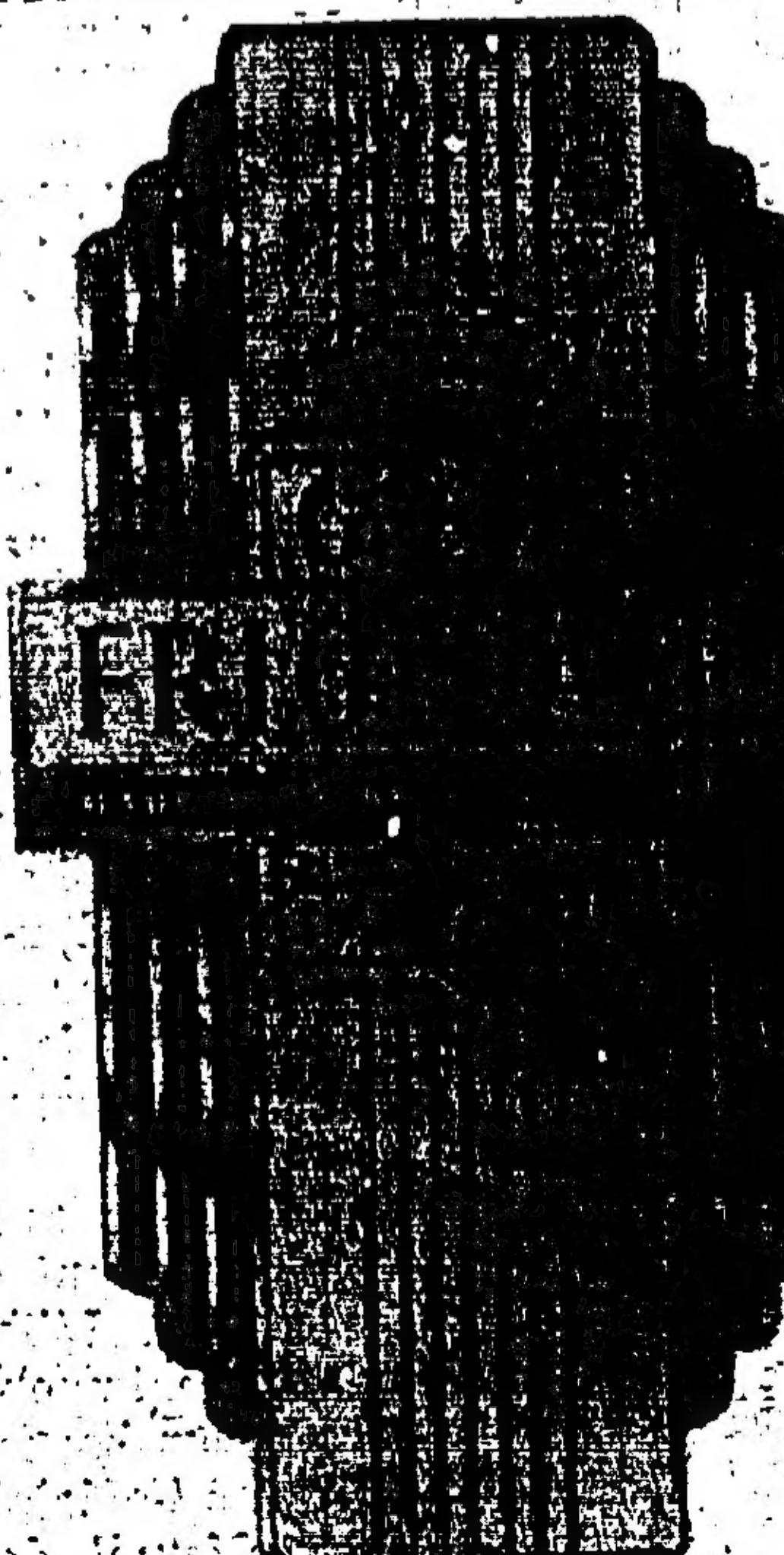
Conscientious objectors will be exempt if they undertake "work of national importance."

The voluntary principle will continue for the Navy, Regular Army and the R.A.F.

SWATOW RAID TO-DAY

Swatow, To-day.

The city was bombed this morning. Ten bombs were dropped in different parts of the port. Many houses were demolished. The authorities are as yet unable to estimate accurately the casualties.—Our Own Correspondent.



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MEMEL TERRITORY AS BIG GERMAN NAVAL BASE

Fortification Work Already Started By Nazis

Yugoslav Minister And Axis

Berlin, To-day. HITLER yesterday received the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, M. Markovitch, with whom he had a long conversation.

The Nazi Foreign Minister Herr von Ribbentrop and the Yugo-Slav Minister in Berlin, Dr. Andric, were also present.

In a statement to the press later, M. Markovitch said: "The good relations between Germany and Yugo-Slavia, which promise to develop still further in full confidence, are based on good neighbourhood and mutual respect, as well as the interest of both countries."

CONFIDENCE AND TRUST

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Baltic Domination Aimed At

Germany's intention of making Memel a heavily armed fortress and a naval base for the domination of the Baltic Sea is revealed in a report in the "Danziger Vorposten," the Danzig Nazi organ, which is permitted more freedom in its messages than are the newspapers published in the Reich.

The paper's correspondent reports a speech made at a reception given by Dr. Neumann, the Memel German leader, to German naval men by Capt. Fleischer, of the Reich Navy.

Herr Hitler, stated Capt. Fleischer, had resolved that Memel was to be a naval base and a fortress, of which the speaker was to be the first commandant.

STRATEGIC POSITION

According to the Danzig report, the Memel harbour is now occupied by the U-boat flotilla Weddingen, which consists of 12 vessels when at full strength, the U-boat tender Donau, 3,950 tons, and torpedo-boat destroyer T 28. Further warships are expected to arrive in Memel shortly.

"The extension of Memel to be one of the strongest fortresses in the Baltic is already in progress," the report concludes.

The harbour of Memel, which lies in a highly important strategic position in the very centre of the Baltic, commanding the sea-going approaches and exits of Leningrad, Kronstadt, Helsingfors, Stockholm, Riga, Libau and Reval, is at the moment of insufficient depth to allow of its safe use by the largest classes of warships.

DREDGING POSSIBLE

The maximum depth is between 18 and 20ft. but this depth is inconstant and only preserved along a small channel. There seems no reason, however, why the harbour should not be dredged and deepened for naval purposes.

Memel commands the entrance to Kurisches Haff, an inland sea, which is separated from the Baltic by the Kurische Nehrung, a narrow neck of land nearly 60 miles in length.

Although the Press department of the Reich Navy declined to give any details about the future of Memel as a naval base, it seems most likely that it will be used largely as a submarine and destroyer base.

In the event of hostilities involving Germany and Russia, Memel could be used as a base for U-boats, which could prey, not only upon Russian war vessels cruising in the Baltic, but also upon any convoys of merchant vessels proceeding to or from Russian, Swedish, Estonian and Latvian ports.

In the event of Danzig changing its status, Libau, Riga and Reval might be important ports for western ocean-borne traffic with Poland.

A semi-official German message from Memel denies reports, attributed to the Polish Press, that "thousands of arrests" had been made in Memel and that concentration camps had been erected there.

Since the German seizure of Memel, it is stated, 188 persons have been arrested, of whom 125 are

USEFUL SOVIET DISCUSSION IN BULGARIA

SOFIA, TO-DAY.
THE SOVIET UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, M. POTEMKIN, HAD A TALK HERE YESTERDAY WITH THE BULGARIAN PREMIER, WHICH IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE BEEN OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE.

On his return journey, M. Potemkin intends to spend three or four days in Sofia after visiting Bucharest, the Rumanian capital.

He was very satisfied with his reception in Bulgaria.—Reuter.

NEW 14-INCH SHELL'S RANGE

The effective range of the new British 14in armour-piercing shell, as measured by the perforation of any given thickness of armour, materially exceeds that of the 15in shell. This statement was made by Major A. B. Clerk, managing director, at the annual meeting of Hadfields Ltd. at Sheffield.

Referring to profits on armaments, Major Clerk said the rate was fixed by agreement, so that all savings on costs passed automatically to the Government departments concerned by a corresponding reduction in price.

In spite of many increases in costs of materials and labour, no price of any one of the standard products had ever been increased, and in nearly every case they had been subject to a steady and continuous reduction. On hardened shells and bombs alone the saving to the Government amounted to over £300,000.

NEW STATUS OF ALBANIA

LONDON, TO-DAY.
The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, stated in answer to a question regarding recognition of the new status of Albania, that no decision had been taken in the matter.

Decision could only be reached after the future of the relations between Italy and Albania as well as the internal situation in Albania had been clarified.—Trans-Ocean.

CHINESE CLAIM DRAMATIC NANCHANG SUCCESS

KAOAN, TO-DAY.
Utter confusion reigns in Nanchang as the Chinese have smashed into the city and are engaging in street fighting with the Japanese, according to field dispatches.

The streets are strewn with fallen soldiers while huge fires are reducing the city to ruins. Chinese units forced their way to the Japanese aerodrome in the eastern suburb of Nanchang and are engaging the Japanese troops there.

Lientang, key point nine miles south of Nanchang, has been abandoned by the Japanese who have been recalled to Nanchang as reinforcements.

The Japanese unit at Hsieh-fow-shih has been annihilated. Seventeen Japanese officers and soldiers were taken prisoner and eight Japanese machine-guns were captured. A Japanese captain committed suicide when surrounded.

Kao-yuh-hi, between Kaoan and Nanchang, has also been regained by the Chinese.

The Chinese column counter-attacking at Feng-hien, 28 miles west of Nanchang, is pounding at the gates.

To the northwest of Nanchang, the Chinese have tightened their hold on Wuning. Fighting continues in the suburban hills. — Central News.

STILL IN CITY

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.
Verbal reports state that Chinese forces entered Nanchang at noon yesterday and were locked in street fighting with the Japanese for several hours.

Last night, the reports added, the Chinese were still in the city and furious street-fighting continued. Our Own Correspondent.

BRITISH REPRESENTATIONS ON TSINGTAO CONDITIONS

Discrimination Continues Against Shipping Pressure In Tokyo

London, To-day.

The Government has made representations to the Japanese Government concerning unfair discrimination against foreign vessels in respect to mooring arrangements at Tsingtao.

This statement was made in the House of Commons yesterday by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, in reply to Mr. Philip Noel-Baker (Labour, Derby).

China Winning Money War

Peiping, To-day.

FEDERAL Reserve Bank currency in North China continues to slump in terms of National currency.

From Saturday, the 17 per cent. National currency premium rose to 21 per cent. yesterday and touched a new high to-day of 25.5 per cent.

The anti-British movement continues in various parts of North China.

Japanese reports describe anti-British meetings even in Mongolia, where the chief speakers were Japanese, while foreign correspondents at Kaifeng (Honan) yesterday heard violent denunciations of Britain, France and Russia by the Japanese-appointed "governor."

NOT INVITED

It is significant that British correspondents were not invited to visit Kaifeng with German and American correspondents.

Eye-witnesses describe the "governor" as reading from a manuscript prepared on a Japanese typewriter. — Reuter.

IRELAND'S NEUTRALITY

Dublin, To-day.

General Mulcahy is expected to ask Mr. de Valera in the Dail, whether the Government of Eire has notified the British, German, Italian, French and Spanish Governments that Eire, in the case of war, would remain strictly neutral, and whether Eire had demanded from these Governments assurances that neither Irish territory nor Irish waters would be used for military purposes.

It was officially announced yesterday that Mr. de Valera on Saturday will leave by "President Harding" for New York, as the guest of President Roosevelt.

Mr. de Valera will open the Irish section of the New York world exhibition on May 14, and then visit a number of American cities. — Trans-Ocean.

Mr. Butler said the question of extension of further facilities was being taken up with Japan.

Mr. A. C. Moreing (Conservative, Preston) asked whether any report had been received from Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, British Ambassador to China, upon the Japanese demand addressed to the Shanghai Municipal Council that the Council prohibit the display of the Chinese national flag in the Council's jurisdiction.

NO REQUEST FOR AID

Mr. Butler said no report to this effect had been received.

Any request by the Municipal Council for assistance in a matter of this sort would be carefully considered on consultation with the other interested Powers. — Reuter.

ANGLO-GERMAN TENSION GROWS

Berlin, To-day. British conscription is regarded by Nazi political quarters as increasing the tension, particularly in Anglo-German relations.

It is indicated that Hitler will give Germany's answer in his speech on Friday. — Reuter.

GIFT FROM KING OF NORWAY

Two members of the ship's company of the West River gunboat, H.M.S. Cicada, now in Hong Kong are the proud recipients of a gift from the King of Norway.

The men were serving on board H.M.S. Royal Oak which conveyed the remains of Queen Maude from England to Norway last year.

Now they have just received silver ash trays from the King of Norway.

ITALIANS LEAVING AFRICA

Paris, To-day. Italians living in French North African possessions are leaving for Italy.

A large number of Italian families are leaving Algeria. — Trans-Ocean.

PACIFIC DEFENCE PARLEYS OVER

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), TO-DAY.

THE PACIFIC CONFERENCE, THE PROCEEDINGS OF WHICH HAVE BEEN KEPT A CLOSE SECRET, CONCLUDED YESTERDAY.

The New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr. Savage, expressed satisfaction at the exchanges of opinion to which the talks in the last ten days had given opportunity.

He announced that questions of mutual interest which had arisen during the Conference would be further discussed in informal conversations.

For this reason the British delegate, Major-General Mackay, whose return to Britain had been fixed for the first days of May, will prolong his stay in New Zealand for a few weeks. He will inspect New Zealand's coast defences. — Trans-Ocean.

NAZI ATTACK ON BRITAIN

A violently anti-British poster was displayed recently in Nazi party offices in Berlin.

Berlin never anticipated, it states, that when her army marched into Bohemia and Moravia Mr. Chamberlain would send the Fuehrer a telegram of congratulation, to express his joy that peace had been saved, this time without his travelling exertions. Germany did not, however, expect that a responsible British statesman would join in the "monstrous outcry of moral hypocrisy" set up by such people as Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. Duff Cooper.

"After various references to British "brutality," the poster concludes: "As far as the greatest people in Europe we have had enough of being made the object of British megalomania and lack of political instinct in matters on which England has no moral or political right to interfere."

"The Fuehrer has surely done his best to leave no doubt about the limit of German patience. We shall immediately reply in the appropriate manner to any further attempts at interference."

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Late last night the Police carried out a raid in the heart of the city and took several Chinese into custody.

The raid was carried out in Wang Hing Building, No. 8, Queen's Road Central at about midnight. The persons arrested were alleged to have been engaged in gambling.

Among the arrested were four well-dressed Chinese women.

The police searched the place for over an hour.

The 24 persons found in the alleged gambling den on the second floor of Wang Hing Building, failed to appear at the Central Police Court this morning.

They had each paid bail of \$5, which was ordered to be confiscated this morning by the Magistrate, Mr. R. Edwards.

Those found in the place were described as transportation company managers, brokers, teachers, gentlemen of independent means, and club-boys.

Sub-Inspector Hopkins appeared for the prosecution.

SIX DAYS OF
LIBERTY FROM
NEUTRALITY ACT

WASHINGTON, To-day.

THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE SUDENLY DECIDED YESTERDAY NIGHT TO PROLONG THE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE NORTH-AMERICAN NEUTRALITY LAW UNTIL MAY 6.

Since an essential part of this law consists in the so-called "cash and carry" clause which expires at the end of April, a period of six days, that is from the first to the sixth of May will occur in which the provisions of the law will not be in force.

Although this period could be overcome by passing a motion explicitly prolonging the validity of the clause in question, hints are given that there is no intention of doing this.—Trans-Ocean.

INDIAN TROOPS
EMBARKING
FOR EGYPT?

Cairo, To-day.

Large numbers of Indian troops are being embarked at Bombay, according to a despatch to the Arabian newspaper "Al Ahram."

Although the destination of these troops has not been divulged, it is generally surmised that they are on their way to strengthen the British garrisons in Egypt.

It was announced here to-day that road communications in Egypt have been given additional strategic importance by the construction of a road from Assuan to Wadihalfa which will link up Egypt with the Sudan.—Trans-Ocean.

"PARIS" FIRE
ENQUIRY

Paris, To-day.

The court of enquiry which is seeking clues to the origin of the fire on the liner "Paris," held a sitting yesterday on board the destroyed liner at Le Havre.

The investigation was held in the presence of the nineteen-years-old Cesar Franck, who was arrested on suspicion that he was guilty of arson, or at least of grave neglect of his duties.

The members of the court inspected the wreck of the liner, which is lying half capsized near the dock at Le Havre.

No trace of the controlswitch of Franck could be found. It is believed that, were it found, it would be possible to decide whether Franck neglected his control duties.—Trans-Ocean.

CIANO TO GO
TO MADRID

Rome, To-day.

"Tribuna" reports that the Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, will attend the Victory Parade of General Franco's troops in Madrid.

Official Italian quarters refuse to confirm the report, but it is not believed to be without some foundation.—Trans-Ocean.

MUSSOLINI
CALLS A CABINET

Rome, To-day.

Mussolini has summoned a Cabinet meeting for Saturday morning.—Reuter.

NEGRIN OFF TO AMERICA

Paris, To-day.
Dr. Juan Negrin, former Pre-
mier of Republican Spain, left Le
Havre yesterday for New York on
board the liner "Normandie." —
Trans-Ocean.

HARA-KIRI ATTEMPT IN SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.
RYOSUKE INOUYE, UNEMPLOYED 25-YEAR-OLD JAPANESE WHO ARRIVED IN SHANGHAI FROM JAPAN A FORTNIGHT AGO, WENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BUILDING YESERDAY TO DELIVER TWO LETTERS TO THE JAPANESE MEMBER OF THE SECRETARIAL AT.

The letters asked for stricter measures for the suppression of anti-Japanism.

The man then went to another part of the building and attempted to commit hara-kiri, but was stopped by a watchman after giving himself the first cut.

He is now in hospital and is expected to recover.

The Japanese Consul-General called on the Chairman of the Council yesterday and requested censorship of anti-Japanese newspapers and other publications in Shanghai. — Reuter.

ANGLO-RUMANIAN TALKS

London, To-day.
The Anglo-Rumanian talks ended yesterday after a short final conversation between the British and Rumanian Foreign Ministers.

The Rumanian Foreign Minister left London at 4.30 yesterday afternoon to return to Bucharest via Paris, Rome and Belgrade.

It is reported that he will stay three days in each of these capitals. — Trans-Ocean.

IDENTITY OF VIEWS

London, To-day.
An official statement states that the visit of the Rumanian Foreign Minister, M. Gafencu, afforded a welcome opportunity for an exchange of views. The conversations had been characterised by frankness and cordiality on both sides and had served to confirm the identity of views held by the British and Rumanian Governments concerning various questions now at issue. — Trans-Ocean.



CHARGE AGAINST POLICE INTERPRETER

A serious charge of extortion and demanding money, with menaces was preferred against a Police interpreter, attached to the Hung Hom Police Station, at the Kowloon Police Court this morning.

The interpreter, Un Shiu-ki, 23, was charged with extorting \$110, and demanding, with menaces, an additional sum of \$120 from Lau Hei-yuk on Sunday last, at the Hip On Club, No. 27, Gillies Avenue.

Accused was remanded for a week on bail of \$1,500, \$500 of which was ordered to be paid in cash by Mr. E. Himsworth, the Magistrate.

Sub-Inspector Mottram, representing the Commissioner of Police, appeared for the prosecution. Mr. C. D'Almada represented accused.

M. MAISKY RETURNING TO LONDON

London, To-day.
The Soviet Ambassador in London, M. Ivan Maisky, who arrived in Helsingfors yesterday on his return from Moscow, will probably travel to Britain by way of Paris.

In Paris, he will confer with the Soviet Ambassador to France, M. Sovitz.

M. Maisky told interviewers at Helsingfors yesterday that the Soviet Government had forwarded certain important proposals to London and was awaiting the British Government's reply. — Trans-Ocean.

Mails To Singapore By Sea

Owing to frequent complaints regarding delay in the transit of mail from Hong Kong to Singapore, it has been decided that when opportunity offers, first class mail for Singapore may be sent by sea service if it appears that any saving in time will thereby be effected.

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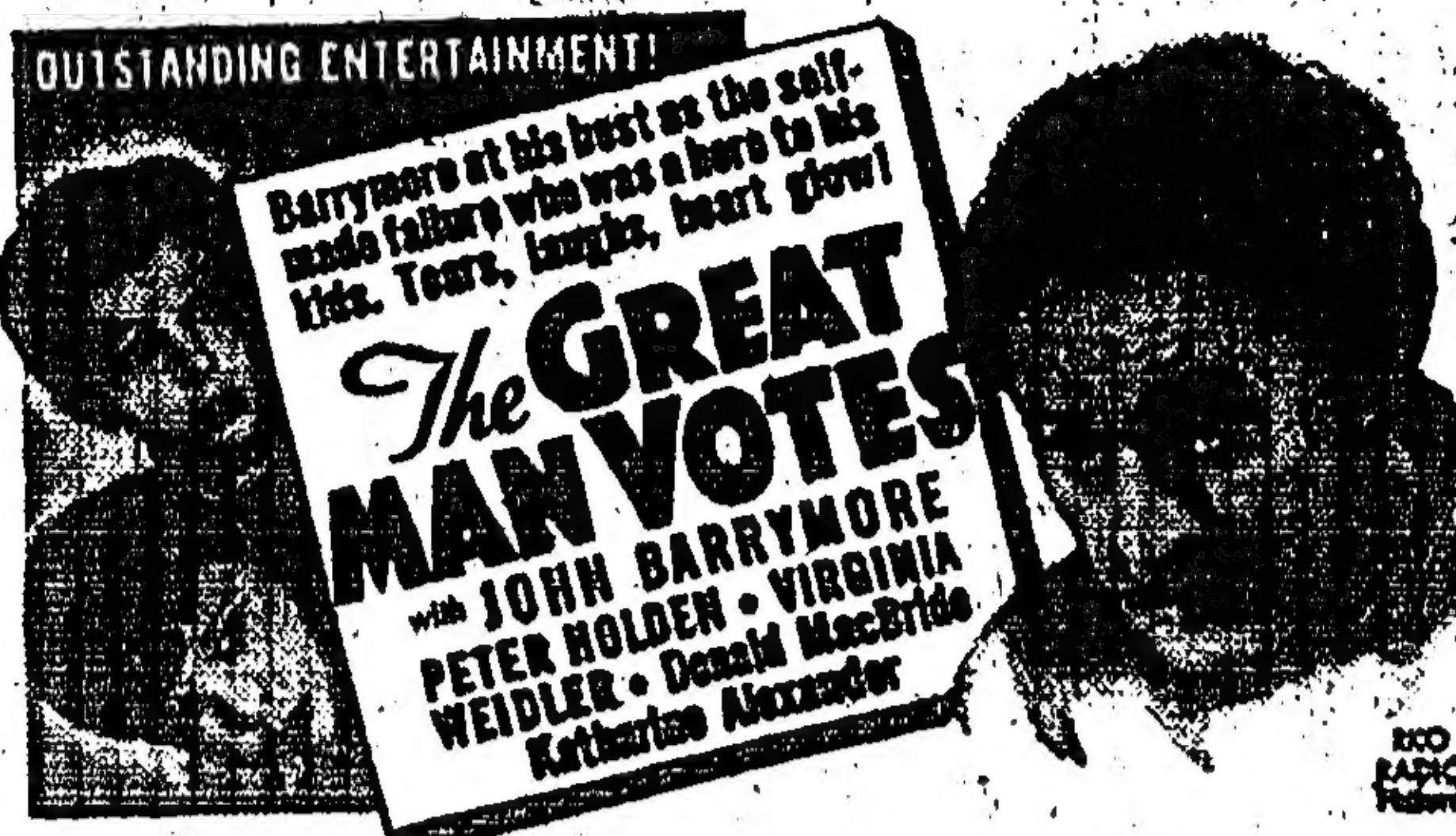
ICHANG SAVAGELY BOMBED

Ichang, To-day.
Fourteen Japanese bombers rained havoc on Ichang in a terrific air raid yesterday.
Scores of civilian casualties were inflicted and a wide area in the city was devastated. — Central News.

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MR. ATTLEE ACCUSES THE PRIME MINISTER OF BREAKING A PLEDGE

London, To-day.

Loud Opposition cheers greeted Mr. C. R. Attlee, the Labour leader, when, following the Prime Minister's statement on conscription, he asked whether Mr. Chamberlain was aware that the Government's decision broke a pledge solemnly given and reaffirmed only four weeks ago. Mr. Attlee said that so far from strengthening the country, it would sow division in the ranks and would meet with strenuous opposition. (Further loud Opposition cheers and cries of "Resign.")

Mr. Chamberlain, replying, said: "My own conscience is perfectly clear (Cheers and counter-cheers), and I believe that when people have had to consider the circumstances in which we live, they will agree that they cannot be described as peacetime circumstances."

Replying to further questions from Mr. Attlee, Mr. Chamberlain indicated that the House would be given an opportunity to debate the subject to-day (Thursday).

NO CONSULTATION

Asked by Sir Archibald Sinclair (Leader of the Liberal Opposition) for an explanation as to why no consultations with the Opposition or representatives of organised Labour had taken place before the pledge was revised, if not abandoned, Mr. Chamberlain said:

"I assure you that if I did not consult you, this was not out of any intention of courtesy or neglect but because events move quickly these days."

"In the opinion of the Government, many things had to be considered, and there was not time to do more than consult Mr. Attlee this morning, as well as members of the Trades Council." — Reuter.

THE STRAITS DEFENCE CONTRIBUTION

London, To-day.

The resolution of the Straits Settlement Legislative Council offering £1,000,000 towards the cost of general defence of the British Empire, was announced in the House of Commons yesterday by the Colonies Secretary, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald.

Mr. Macdonald said: "I have requested the Governor to express to the Council, His Majesty's Government's grateful acceptance of this most generous gift and warm appreciation for the sustained and practical co-operation of the Straits in sharing the costly burden of Empire defence, of which this gift is yet another example."

The reply was greeted with cheers from all sides of the House. — Reuter.

SATISFACTION IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

"A very great event," says the "Journal des Debats," which phrase is typical of the manner Mr. Chamberlain's announcement of conscription has been received throughout France.

"Le Temps," which reflects French official opinion, says: "Today's decision and yesterday's Budget speech mean that Britain is throwing into the balance the whole weight of her moral and material strength in order to face the situation and to conscientiously acquit herself of her national and international duty."

The journal adds that Germany will make a grave error if she re-

gards British conscription as provocation, since Germany established general service in violation of the spirit and letter of the peace treaties.—Reuter.

Can Hardly Call This Peacetime MR. CHAMBERLAIN ON CONSCRIPTION Obvious Weaknesses Of Voluntary System STEPS TO LIMIT PROFITS IN REARMAMENT

London, To-day.

"Broadly speaking, under the present procedure, mobilisation, whether complete or partial, could only take place after issue of a proclamation, different in the case of each Service, declaring that a state of emergency existed," stated the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, explaining the conscription decision in the House of Commons yesterday.

Issue of such proclamations, he continued, no doubt was originally contemplated as taking place when an outbreak of war appeared imminent.

But in present times war might not appear imminent and yet general conditions might be so uncertain that it was desirable to take certain precautions without the publicity and shock to public confidence which would be caused by the issue of proclamations.

Accordingly, the Government has decided at once to introduce a Bill entitled the "Reserve and Auxiliary Forces Bill," which would simplify procedure and would enable the Government,

by an Order-in-Council to authorise the various Service departments to call up any class or description of the reserve and auxiliary forces.

The Bill would be temporary in character, and he hoped it would be passed without delay in order that the Government be empowered to act under it at once.

NEW LIABILITIES

Every country in Europe had powers which the Government sought under the Bill, and practically everyone availed themselves of it at one time or another to effect partial mobilisation.

The Government had given consideration also to the new liabilities which, with the approval of all quartets of the House, they had incurred in Europe within the last month and to the means at their disposal to discharge them effectively.

Mr. Chamberlain added: "I need perhaps hardly repeat that the objects of the assurances we have given to certain countries, as well as the conversations now proceeding with other governments, is not to wage war but prevent it."

Bearing this object in mind, we cannot but be impressed with the view shared by the other Democratic countries, especially by our friends in Europe, that despite the immense effort already made by rearmament, nothing would so impress the world with the determination of this country to offer a firm resistance to any attempt at general domination, as its acceptance of the principle of compulsory military service which is the universal rule on the Continent.

OBVIOUS WEAKNESS

"There is an obvious weakness in voluntary system which allows

one man to devote himself to pleasure or gain while his neighbour devotes himself to training in readiness for war.

"It is generally understood and accepted that in time of war, military service would be compulsory from the outset.

"Hitherto it had not been thought necessary to introduce such a measure in peacetime, and I renewed the pledge given by Earl Baldwin that compulsory service would not be introduced during the life of this Parliament in peacetime.

NOT PEACETIME

"We are not at war now, but when every country is straining all its resources to be ready for war, when confidence in the maintenance of peace has been undermined and everyone knows that if war is to come we might pass into it in a matter not of weeks but of hours, we cannot pretend that this is peacetime in any sense in which the terms could be fairly used.

"Under the Bill, it will be necessary to call up certain Territorial and a number of the Regular Army personnel to reinforce our system of anti-aircraft defence throughout the period of uneasiness, which may last for a considerable time yet.

GREATER SACRIFICE

"This will entail, on the part of the Territorials who are called up, a greater and more prolonged sacrifice than was anticipated when they enrolled.

"The Government has come to the conclusion that to meet these new and exceptional conditions, some measure of compulsory military training for the time being has become necessary.

"I say for the time being because I wish to emphasise that the Government's proposals, which will be embodied in a second Bill entitled the Military Training Bill, will be of a temporary character."

THREE YEARS

Mr. Chamberlain indicated that the powers given by the Bills would last three years, but these could be brought to an end by an Order-in-Council if circumstances permit.

On the other hand, they could be extended after three years for a year at a time, but only after an affirmative resolution was passed by both Houses.

**GERMANY
INFORMED**

Berlin, To-day.

It is understood that the British Ambassador, Sir Nevile Henderson, informed the Nazi Secretary of State of the British Government's intentions regarding conscription when the Ambassador called at the Foreign Office yesterday.—Reuter.

The Military Training Bill would be introduced in a week.

ARMAMENT PRICES

Explaining the further steps to limit profits in rearmament, Mr. Chamberlain said that departments had already exercised the greatest possible care in fixing prices to ensure that only a reasonable profit was made, but experience showed the difficulty of providing for all possible contingencies beforehand, and it was felt that definite limitation of profits was the only method of achieving the desired object with certainty.

He wished to make it clear that in the opinion of the Government, when the country was engaged in a major war, it was not the time when individuals should be increasing their fortunes out of conditions which the war created.

PROFITS TAX

It was therefore the intention, if war broke out, that legislation be enacted imposing special penalties on profiteering, and providing that any increases in profits or increases in individual wealth should be appropriately curtailed to the benefit of the State.

These proposals for marshalling Britain's defences were designed with a single object, namely to render this country able to carry out its engagements in the belief that in that way, peace in Europe could best be secured.—Reuter.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Concluding, Mr. Chamberlain said: "I would point out that the proposals I have just outlined have arisen, like other steps in the marshalling of our defences, out of the sequence of events.

"The acceleration and expansion of our rearmament programme, the increase in the strength of the Territorial Army, the decision to establish a Ministry of Supply with power to secure priority for Government orders and now the proposal for compulsory training, have all been designed with one single object, namely to render this country able to carry out the engagements it has entered into in the belief that in that way the peace of Europe can best be secured."—British Wireless.

The s.s. Helikon reported by the Chinese press yesterday as "seized off Saigon" arrived in Hong Kong this morning at 7 a.m. at the end of an incidentless voyage.

**LABOUR TABLES
AMENDMENT TO
GOVT. MOTION**

LONDON, To-day.—THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH WILL FIGHT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, APPROVES COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING AS NECESSARY FOR THE NATIONAL SAFETY AND FILMATION OF OUR RECENT EUROPEAN UNDER-TAKING.

It welcomes the fact that the Government is seeking fresh powers to limit profits of armament producing firms and will take steps to prevent additions to individual fortunes through war production.

The Parliamentary Labour Party, after a short debate in the House of Commons yesterday, decided to put down the following amendment:

"Whilst prepared to take necessary steps to protect the safety of the nation and implement of its international obligations, the House recognises the Government, in keeping with its pledges, should adhere to the voluntary principle, until it has failed to provide for what is needed for defence."

The Opposition Labour Party tabled a similar amendment.—Reuter.

READY TO RECOGNISE PROBLEMS

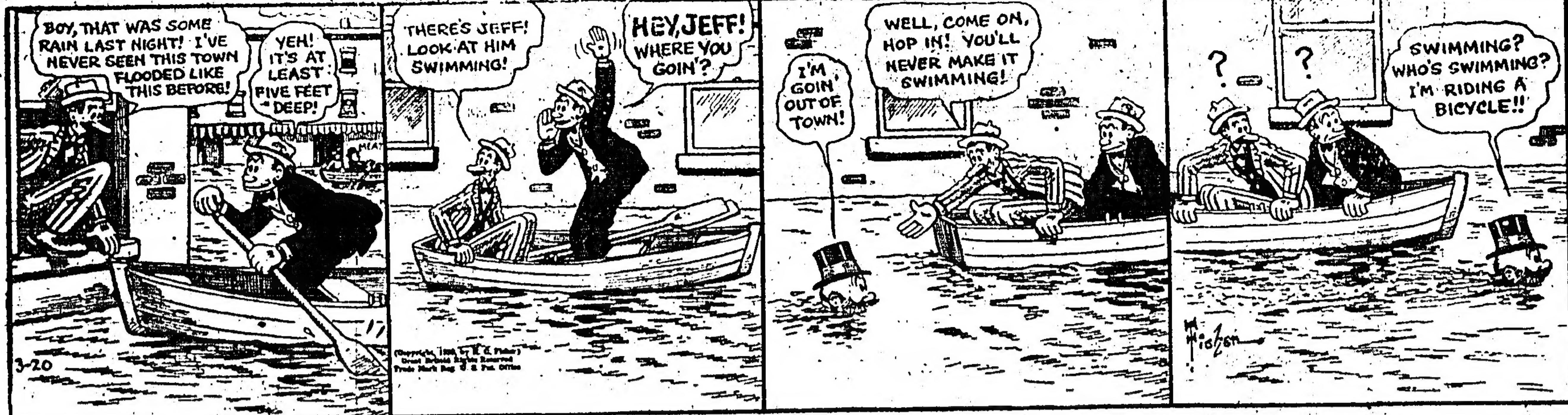
Referring at question time in the House of Commons to negotiations with Germany, Mr. P. J. O'Brien observed that the British Government would not refuse to enter into discussion with the German Government of all questions at between them on the continent in the view of the British Government, such a discussion being reasonable prospect of securing Trans-Ocean.

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THE DAILY SHORT STORY

HAIDEE GETS LOST

Haidee refused to ride a burro. Her eyes blazed furiously as she looked into Spence Beaton's placid face.

"Ride one of those miserable little beasts? Me?" She laughed scornfully. "Why, I—I'd look ridiculous!"

Spence Beaton, as always, was very patient, very indulgent. "Miss Tucker, a body only looks ridiculous by comparison. When there's nothing to compare with, everything looks the same. On this trip, everybody will be riding burros. Burros are a good deal more dependable than horses, especially—"

"For goodness' sake," Haidee cried, "stop philosophizing! Must you always be so practical? Why can't you let yourself go once in awhile?"

"It doesn't pay," Spence said solemnly, "to let yourself go in this country." He paused. His eyes were inscrutable. "Perhaps you'd rather not take this trip, ma'm."

The wretch! Haidee could have cried from sheer fury. How she hated this tall, quiet handsome son of the West! How she loathed him! He was too smart, too cunning. He didn't want her to take the trip to the abandoned borax mines. She was a nuisance. He was using this as a means of getting

camp she whipped the burro into a run. It would be fully a half hour before she was missed. By that time she would be well away, and she knew even a genius like Spence Beaton couldn't follow the donkey's trail on the hard rock of this desert country.

Two hours later Haidee reined in her burro. A feeling of misgiving had beset her. She should have reached the prospector's cabin long ago. She had brought along no water and her throat was parched. The sun was already low in the west.

Haidee was by no means a coward, but she was a woman and she wasn't used to being along with no one to call on for help if she needed help.

After awhile she entered a canyon where the shadows lay deep and foreboding. In sudden panic she turned the burro and headed back in the direction from which she believed she had come. The sun had dropped beneath the nearest peaks when she stopped again.

Stark terror was in her eyes. She was lost, and horribly thirsty. Her mind raced frantically, groping for some ray of hope. But there was none. She had missed the cabin. Her trail was in-

By Richard Hill Wilkinson

rid of her, pretending to be concerned about her welfare.

She considered reporting his insolence to Walt Briggs, who owned the Maverick Dude ranch where she and her family and a party of friends were spending the winter. But she knew that wouldn't do any good. Spence was a valuable man. Walt Briggs would rather lose a half dozen guests than lose Spence Beaton. Besides, what grounds did she have, really, for complaint? And what if he were fired? What if he went away and she never saw him again?

Oh Lord, why had she ever agreed to come out to this miserable country?

When the small cavalcade set off from the ranch, heading toward the distant, mysterious-looking Funeral Mountains, with Spence Beaton at its head, Haidee was among the half-dozen guests who made up the procession. She rode a flea-bitten, lop-eared miserable little donkey and she felt ludicrous. But she laughed and was gay with the others. Indeed, she had good reason to feel gay and light-hearted, for hadn't she thought of the most brilliant plan imaginable? Hadn't she thought of a plan that would outsmart the craft, cunning Mr. Spence Beaton?

Suppose she got lost? Suppose Spence Beaton came looking for her and couldn't find her? Then what? How would he feel? How would he explain to Walt Briggs and her father and mother? Ha! She guessed that would take the starch out of him all right.

Haidee, in her rides about the ranch, had come upon the cabin of a lone prospector located at the base of a small mountain where there was a creek. She had become acquainted with the old fellow. She knew that once a month he trekked out to the town of Goldig for supplies and was gone a week or more. She had often thought what fun it would be to spend a night in his abandoned shack, alone on the desert. To-day she intended to indulge that whim.

When the cavalcade stopped for lunch Haidee unobtrusively wandered away. The moment she was out of sight of

distinguishable on the rocks. Wildly, hysterically, she began to shout. The naked mountain flung back her cries in mocking tones.

All sense of bravado fled. She began to weep. Then she beat the burro furiously, and the little beast moved ahead. Pride and stubbornness gave way to bitter hopelessness. She would have given her soul for a drink of water.

Darkness had fully come when the burro finally stopped. A voice said: "Here, drink this. Take it easy now."

Haidee lifted her head. For hours, it seemed, she had been in a stupor. She knew she had been taken from the burro and that water was seeping through her lips.

She closed her eyes. Spence Beaton said: "That was pretty selfish of you. Your folks would have worried themselves sick. Lucky you were on a burro. Give a burro his head and he can find water. That's why we use 'em—just in case." He stopped. "Ma'm, the way I figure it you musta loved me danged near as much as I love you."

Haidee opened her eyes. Spence Beaton bent to kiss her, while her arms crept around his neck.

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Canton, To-day.

The shipment of silk from Canton to Hong Kong by parcel post, which reached considerable proportions recently, has been stopped by the Japanese authorities.

The ban will remain in force, according to the Japanese Consul-General, Mr. K. Okazaki, as long as the Pearl River remains closed to trade.

U.S. OFFER TO BUY DUTCH COLONIES

Amsterdam, To-day.

The Netherlands Government is taking steps to ascertain how many subjects eligible for military service are living in Dutch Guiana and Caracao, it is reported in the "Telegraaf."

The best manner of employing them for defence of these colonies is also being deliberated.

The introduction of compulsory service is not planned.

Reason for the steps is believed to be the proposal in the American Congress that both colonies be purchased by the United States.—Trans-Ocean.

DANGEROUS DRIVING ALLEGED

Ho Yuk-tong, 34, motor-car driver, was brought before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, charged with driving in a manner dangerous to the public, in Connaught Road Central at 4.40 a.m. yesterday.

Defendant was remanded for one week, and bail of \$25 was granted.

Traffic-Sergeant Sargeant is in charge of the case.

PROMOTIONS IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

The Chief of the General Staff of the French army, General Gamelin, and the Chief of the General Staff of the Air Force, General Vuillemin, are to be promoted to the rank of Marshal and the Commander of the Fleet, Vice-Admiral Darlan, is to be given the rank of Admiral, it is reported by the "Paris Soir."

The paper declares that these promotions are to be made in order that French officers shall hold the same rank as the military leaders of foreign armies and navies.—Trans-Ocean.

No further communiqué on the Yugo-Slav conferences is expected. Complete silence is being maintained regarding the results of the conferences, attention being merely directed to the communiqué in which it was stated that both countries are in an "extensive agreement in the attitude towards the problems relating to both nations".

Satisfaction prevails in the German political circles who declare that the negotiations have resulted in a close co-operation of Yugoslavia with the axis powers and in an understanding with Hungary.—Trans-Ocean.

WARNING TO FOKIS

Wong Ngai, stall foki, on discharge from hospital, said that he did not wish to press a wounding charge against his friend, when Mak Kit again appeared before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning. "You people, stall fokis, always in possession of a knife, must not lose your tempers, otherwise you may easily kill someone," said Mr. Macfadyen fining Mak Kit \$10 and ordering him to pay \$20 compensation.

H.M.S. Cardiff is scheduled to depart on Saturday for Singapore, according to the naval authorities.

FLEET'S CRUISE

Malta, To-day. The British Mediterranean Fleet sailed yesterday for its cruise in the Eastern Mediterranean.

The Fleet will call at ports in Egypt, Palestine, Cyprus and Greece.—Trans-Ocean.

CANTON VERY QUIET: TROOP MOVEMENTS

CANTON, TO-DAY. DESPITE ALARMING REPORTS CIRCULATED ABROAD OF THE NEARNESS OF THE CHINESE ARMY, CANTON REMAINS VERY QUIET, AND JAPANESE CIVILIANS CONTINUE TO POUR INTO THE CITY BY EVERY STEAMER FROM MACAO.

There were some heavy troop movements last week, all proceeding westwards in the direction of Samshui, but the Japanese refuse to divulge their destination or the purpose of the move.

A Japanese official told Reuter, however, that there is not a single Chinese soldier within a radius of 120 li (about 40 miles) of Canton, and that "the Japanese Army is determined to maintain this situation."—Reuter.

YUGOSLAVIA SETTLES CROAT PROBLEM

Belgrade, To-day. Negotiations between the Premier, Dr. Cvjetkovich and the leader of the Croat opposition, Dr. Matschek, have been successfully concluded.

A joint communiqué is expected. The settlement is reported to include an administrative reform uniting the two banats of Sava and Dalmatia, inhabited mostly by Croats, as the first step towards administrative autonomy of the Croats, culminating finally in re-organisation of the State, which within the Yugoslav confederation would unite the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes as equal and fully autonomous partners.

Uncertainty still exists regarding the reorganisation of the Cabinet.

It is, however, believed, probable that Dr. Matschek will enter the Chetkovitch Cabinet as Vice-Premier and that two or three portfolios will be given the Croats.—Trans-Ocean.

Cheng Kok-ying, student of St. Stephen's College, Stanley, reported the theft of a guitar, valued at \$160, between 7.30 p.m. on Monday and 8 a.m. on Tuesday.

WEATHER FORECAST

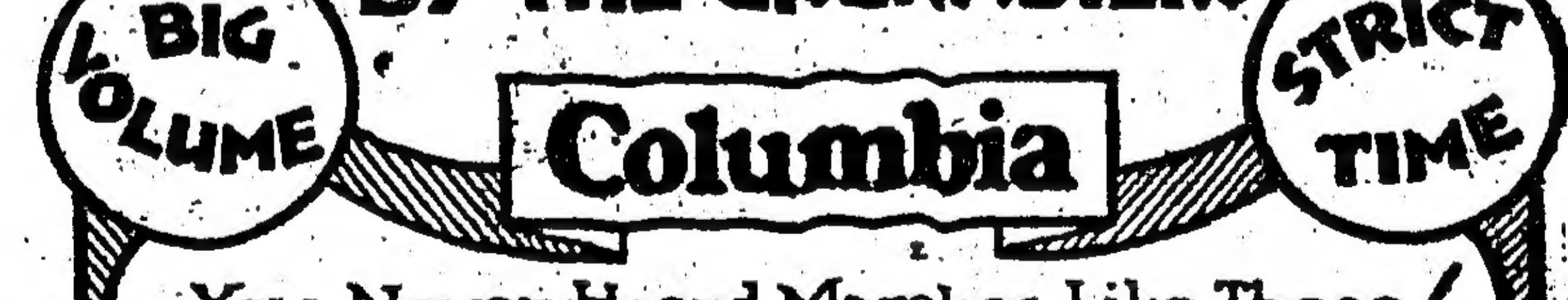
The Royal Observatory reports that a moderate anticyclone covers China, pressure being highest over the Yangtze Valley. The depression has deepened considerably and is now situated to the northeast of Tokyo, moving northeastward. Pressure remains relatively low over Siam.

Local forecast:—N.E. and E. winds, moderate; cloudy.

Mr. G. H. Knight, residing at the Peninsula Hotel, reported that at about 3.30 p.m. yesterday, he lost a box of instruments, valued at \$50, while travelling in a tram car.

Au Yeung-chau, of No. 28, Robinson Road, reported the theft of a water-pump valued at \$40, from his residence some time yesterday.

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CONSCRIPTION

Announcement of the Government's decision to introduce a modified form of compulsory military service came as no surprise, in itself. Feelers put out in the last few weeks, and intensified last week-end, in the way Governments have of doing these things, undoubtedly provided Mr. Chamberlain with an eminently satisfactory answer and, despite the National Council of Labour, no cogent reason for delay remained.

Except one. And that seems to us to be the most significant factor in the Cabinet's decision.

The diplomatic situation, as seen by the Prime Minister during the week-end, clearly recommended the use of Britain's assent to the principle of conscription, as a bargaining weapon in peace pressure upon Herr Hitler. Two days before Herr Hitler's speech, when its effect one way or the other could have been observed, the Cabinet was suddenly called together and decided to act at once.

Many explanations are, of course, possible. The rebuff to Sir Neville Henderson may have been an influence, though it is open to doubt whether Ministers, in times like these, would show their displeasure by a step which is just as complete a reversal of the traditions of British policy as was the decision to undertake specific military commitments in Eastern Europe.

The true reason for anticipating Herr Hitler's reply is more likely to be found in the receipt in Downing Street of information revealing that the threat had no bargaining value and that instant action was likely to achieve more.

It means, on this basis, not only that the British people are willing to accept their responsibilities, but that there is a sense at Nos. 10 and 11 that those responsibilities are not likely to be lessened by Hitler's reply to President Roosevelt.

The Budget

The Budget really offers little for comment or criticism. Such surprises as were contained in Sir John Simon's recital of Government finances, present and future, were conditioned by the decision, reached subsequently to his original defence bill estimate of £580,000,000, to increase the figure to approximately 185,000 men.

Defence expenditure thus raised to £630,000,000, and still taking no account of conscription costs, the Chancellor of the Exchequer found himself compelled to look round for new sources of revenue to the tune of £24,000,000 more than he expected six weeks ago, and he appears to have done his best to distribute the total fairly evenly between direct and indirect taxation. The increase in the h.p. tax is calculated to arouse the A.A. and the R.A.C., not to mention manufacturers, to a gesture of, maybe, despair at the injustice of it all, but no-one ever welcomed new taxation and the decision to leave income tax undisturbed is a stabilising and consolatory factor for those people in a position to afford cars.

On the whole, Sir John Simon may be credited with having done a fair job of a task unlikely to add to the popularity of any Chancellor of the Exchequer. His main aim now, as Sir Archibald Sinclair pointed out, must be to see that the defence expenditure, representing more than half the full total, is economically administered and spent so as to produce the maximum concrete results. Were that wholly assured, few would cavil at the weight of the burden.

Generalisation

The Chairman of the Urban Council appears to have developed the knack recently of treading upon corns. This time they are ours.

The "China Mail" (and it is not alone in this) has not concerned itself in the slightest with the controversy raised concerning the letting of stalls in the new Central Market. Our view, from the beginning, has been one approving, in principle, the proposal for closed and open tendering. It has seemed to us just and logical that priority letting should be the right of former stall-holders who were compelled to move to temporary stalls at the Western Market when the old Central Market was pulled down. Our only surprise was that the privilege was withheld from the fruit and vegetable section.

That, nevertheless, did not prevent the Chairman of the Urban Council from an all-inclusive accusation of unnecessary sensationalism against the local Press at Tuesday's meeting. This charge of "sensationalism" is the easy retort of all who find themselves involved in undesired publicity, and it is particularly provoking when the facts plainly reveal the newspapers concerned to be acting, in their considered opinion, in the public service. If they should be mistaken, nothing should be easier than to prove them so, without unnecessary invective.

We would ask the Chairman of the Urban Council to note that the newspapers have a public duty just as he has himself. We would particularly ask him to note that our criticism is not directed at Government servants in general. That reminder covers our special relevance at this moment. When Mr. Todd feels he has "a bone to pick" perhaps he will, too, in future, be specific. That is the only manner of approach which will curb an irresponsible press where the charge can tenthly be laid, and, from the viewpoint of the Press, the most likely to enhance its prestige.

U.S. WATCHES FOR EQUAL SACRIFICE

Washington, To-day.

Comment on British conscription is reserved, and will probably be largely withheld until it is seen how the British electorate and the Dominions react.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain's justification for introducing conscription in peacetime on the grounds that the present is not peacetime, will doubtless be weighed against the efforts he will make to ensure equal sacrifice by all classes.

Nazis On War Psychosis

Berlin, To-day.

THE introduction of compulsory military service in Great Britain forms the subject of lengthy articles in the German press.

The opinion is unanimous, as might be expected, that the measure has been inspired by the hope of bringing pressure on Berlin prior to Hitler's speech and of making an impression on the smaller States.

The "Nachtausgabe" observes that Germany is less impressed by the diplomatic measures of the "encircling Powers" than by the light-heartedness with which the Democratic nations accept the sacrifices imposed on them by the war psychosis of their governments.

It affirms that Germany will continue unflinchingly to pursue "her policy of securing her indispensable living space" without regard to manoeuvres directed against the Axis.—Trans-Ocean.

REGARDED AS GESTURE

German comment is that Mr. Chamberlain's statement disposes of the theory that Sir Nevile Henderson brought back a threat of conscription in order to influence Germany, as it was introduced without waiting the outcome of Sir Nevile's visit to the German Foreign Office, whom Sir Nevile informed of the decision.

It is argued that conscription in Britain cannot quickly become a factor of military importance, and must be regarded as a gesture.

The press describes the decision as "a feeble threat which fails to impress Germany."—Reuter.

PUBLIC ADDRESS BY EUGENE CHEN

Mr. Eugene Chen, former Foreign Minister of China, addressed undergraduates of the Ling Nam University yesterday, on the invitation of the Dean, Mr. Li Yin-hin.

Mrs. Chen's address was on "The Obligations And Duty Of Youth In The National Crisis."

DOMINIONS INFORMED OF DECISION

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT'S DECISIONS REGARDING FRESH MEASURES OF DEFENCE ANNOUNCED IN PARLIAMENT.

The fullest information was also communicated to the Government of France and the United States.

Acting on instructions from London, Sir Nevile Henderson, British Ambassador in Berlin, called on Herr von Weizsaecker, Secretary of State at the German Foreign Office, and as an act of courtesy conveyed to him an outline of Britain's manpower proposals together with a statement of the reasons, which, in the opinion of the British Government, render such decisions necessary.

A similar intimation was conveyed to the Italian Government by the British Charge d'Affaires, who called at the Italian Foreign Office in Rome.—British Wireless.

WEDDING AT ST. ANDREW'S

A wedding of much interest to sporting circles took place at St. Andrew's Church this morning, when Miss Phyllis Elaine Gittins, former Interport hockey player, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gittins, became the bride of Mr. Arthur Sydny Bliss, former Interport soccer player, and son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bliss.

The bride entered the church on the arm of her father who gave her away, and was charmingly attired in a gown of white chiffon with draped bodice and short puffed sleeves. She wore white elbow-length lace gloves and carried a bouquet of white carnations.

Miss Vivienne Jex, niece of the bride, was bridesmaid. She wore a dress of blue coloured net and carried a bouquet of mixed larkspur.

Mr. W. C. Tillary undertook the duties of best man.

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LORD APSLEY'S GROUSE

Crisis is in the air. Armies march; fleets await the word to move.

And Lord Apsley is concerned; not about international affairs, but about low-flying aeroplanes.

A whole day's shooting, he told the House of Commons, was completely spoiled because of aeroplanes flying low over the Aberdeenshire moors.

the Reverend J. R. Higgs.

A reception was held later at the Peninsula Hotel where many friends and relatives assembled to shower congratulations on the newly-weds.

The honeymoon will be spent in Europe. The bride chose a going-away dress of rose-pink crepe with wine-coloured accessories to match.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE POLICY

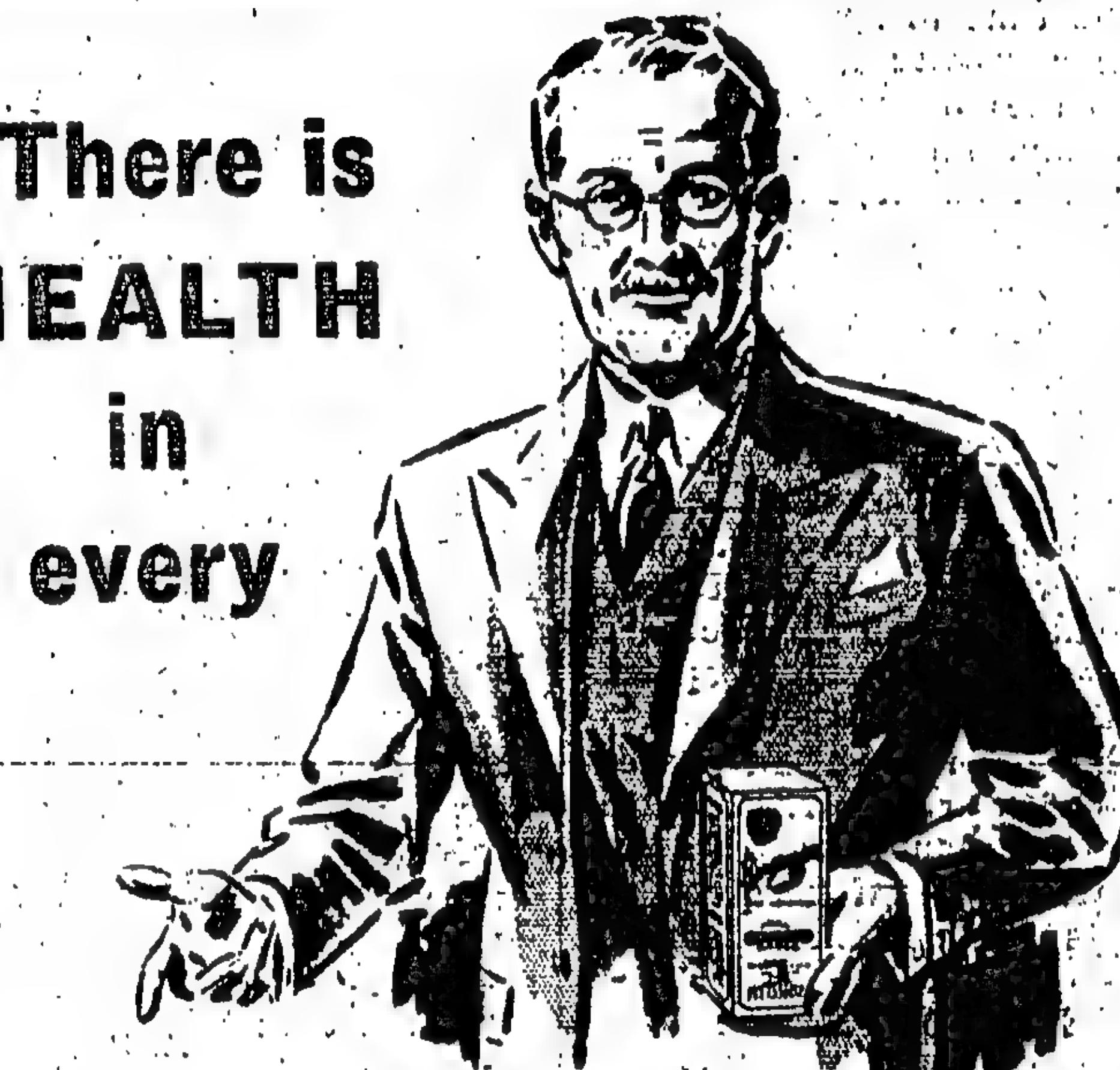
Canberra, To-day.

Outlining the Australian Government's defence policy yesterday, the new Premier, Mr. R. D. Menzies, said that while the Commonwealth must stand or fall with the other countries of the Empire, her defence policy must have as its basis the risk and responsibilities in the Pacific borne by Australia and New Zealand.

"Mindful of it, I look forward to the day when we shall have a concert of pacific powers in the Pacific in both senses of the word.

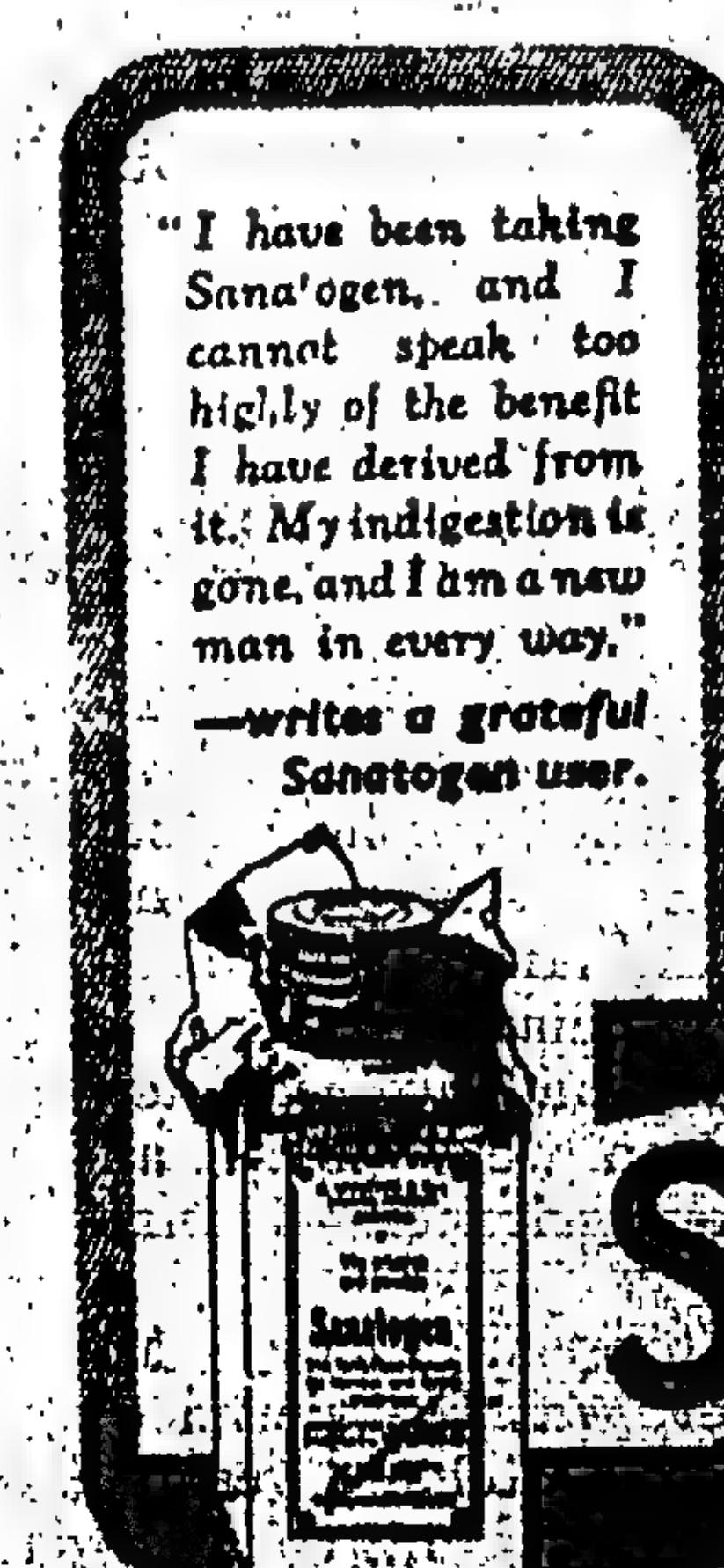
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PREMIER REFUSES TO SEE IT AS SUCH

London, To-day.

Questioned in the House of Commons yesterday whether Sir Nevile Henderson (our Ambassador in Berlin) would interview Herr von Ribbentrop (Nazi Foreign Minister) before Hitler's speech on Friday, Mr. Chamberlain said the Ambassador had been received by Dr. Weizsäcker, of the German Foreign Office, in the morning.

It was impossible, said Mr. Chamberlain, to arrange an interview with Herr von Ribbentrop.

Doubtless Sir Nevile Henderson would use his discretion about seeking a subsequent interview with Herr von Ribbentrop.

Mr. F. J. Bellenger (Labour) alluded to rumours that Herr von Ribbentrop was unable to see Sir Nevile Henderson because he hadn't the time to spare, and asked whether that was not a direct affront to the British Ambassador.

Mr Chamberlain thought it unnecessary to make that assumption, and he understood that Herr von Ribbentrop had been engaged on account of the visit of M. Markovitch, the Yugo-Slav Foreign Minister.

AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE

Relying to a query whether our Ambassador had an important message to deliver, the Prime Minister said he had not been instructed to make any suggestions or proposals to the German Government.

"We thought it right in present circumstances," said Mr. Chamberlain, "that he should be at his post to keep Germany informed of developments in British foreign policy." — Reuter.

FRENCH MESSAGE?

Paris, To-day.

Prior to his departure from Paris for Berlin, the French Ambassador, M. Coulondre, had a long discussion with M. Bonnet.

It is not known whether M. Coulondre was entrusted with a message from the French Government to Herr Hitler.—Trans-Ocean.

WILL NOT BE RECEIVED BY RIBBENTROP

Berlin, To-day.

That Sir Nevile Henderson will not be received by von Ribbentrop during the next few days, is regarded in political circles as certain, nor is it known when the French Ambassador M. Coulondre, who arrived in Berlin yesterday morning, will be received.

Informed circles here attach slight importance to the visit of Sir Nevile to the Foreign and to the message he delivered.

He is said to have announced the British Government's intention of introducing compulsory military service and to have made several statements regarding British Foreign policy.

ON TACT

British press reports regarding the alleged intention of the British Government to send a message of warning to the Reich Government through Sir Nevile Henderson and to have him make an interview with Herr von Ribbentrop, which

of an article by Dr. Goebbels in "Voelkischer Beobachter," entitled "A Few Words On Tact."

Dr. Goebbels declares that Britain is often tactless, this being usually the case with rich people.

What, asks the Reich Propaganda Minister, would Englishmen say if German papers were to print stories to the effect that the German Ambassador was returning to his post in London with instructions to present a warning to the King of England or to make representations to the British Government in an attempt to exert influence on its decisions?

COLD SHOULDER

Or what would an Englishman think if the German Ambassador were to inform the British Foreign Secretary that unless England made a change in her policy and gave assurances of her peaceful intentions, Germany would adopt a radical policy?

"It must be admitted," says Dr. Goebbels, "that London would adopt a loud tone and British public opinion would become quite angry. And rightly so."

Such tactics are tactless, stupid and impudent. And when England adopts them with us, they are out of all proportion to the comparative strength of the two nations."

"Germany does not intend to tolerate such a treatment any longer," he declares and adds "when anyone wounds our national pride we show them the cold shoulder." — Trans-Ocean.

BORDER CLASH

Jerusalem, To-day.

The Transjordan Government has published an official statement on a clash between Transjordan troops and Arab irregulars.

It is declared that 150 Arab irregulars had crossed the Jordan river. Ten were killed and one was taken prisoner.—Trans-Ocean.

A European lady, Mrs. G. Lubeseder, was the victim of a 15-year-old snatcher yesterday in Mody Road, near Humphreys Building. The young snatcher was caught, the case being heard in the Juvenile Court.

For British In Berlin



Herr Hitler and the German naval commander-in-chief, Admiral Raeder, on the bridge of the battleship "Deutschland." Herr Hitler was on the way to Memel for the celebrations in connexion with return of the territory to the Reich.

U.S. PLACES ORDERS FOR 6,000 PLANES

Washington, To-day.

Contracts totalling \$50,000,000 have been signed by Mr. Louis Johnson, Under-Secretary of War, with five aeroplane manufacturers to effect expansion of the army air corps to 6,000 planes as provided in the Appropriation Bill.

Mr. Johnson said the contracts represented "much the largest" order in the history of the air corps. — Reuter.

SPECIAL BUREAU FOR AIRCRAFT SUPPLIES

New York, To-day.

The French Government has set up a special bureau in Washington, to deal with deliveries of aircraft to France, according to a Washington despatch.

Although the bureau has been established in Washington, it is not under the control of the French Embassy.—Trans-Ocean.

NAVAL AIR BASE PLANS TO BEGIN

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt has asked Congress to appropriate \$12,000,000 to enable a start to work on the chain of naval air bases provided in the \$66,800,000 naval air base bill.—Reuter.

SIR ARCHIBALD TO STAY SOME TIME AT CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, TO-DAY.

IT IS LEARNED THAT THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO CHINA SIR ARCHIBALD CLARK-KERR, WILL LEAVE CHUNGKING IN THE LATTER PART OF NEXT MONTH FOR HONG KONG.

Several talks between the Ambassador and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, and other leading Chinese statesmen, have taken place since the Ambassador's return from Shanghai.

Yesterday the Ambassador visited the Nan Kai Middle School. Over 1,000 students paraded before the British envoy.—Our Own Correspondent.

• FRENCH TALKS IN POLAND

Paris, To-day.

Great importance is attached by French newspapers to the talks which M. de Montie, the French Minister for Public Works, is conducting with various members of the Polish Cabinet during his visit to Warsaw.

The fact is stressed that that he had a lengthy conference with Marshal Ryde-Smigly, Chief of the Polish General Staff.

He is said to have discussed with the Marshal the various aspects of military cooperation between the two countries in the event of war.—Trans-Ocean.

News Snack Bar



The King at Aldershot. A fine close-up of His Majesty the King watching a miniature "battle" through his field-glasses. (Air Mail):

YEAR'S BRAVEST

The Duke of Gloucester, president of the Royal Humane Society, presented the Stanhope Gold Medal to Mr. Ralph Mountain, who saved the lives of three passengers when Britain's flying-boat Cygnus crashed taking off in Brindisi Harbour, Italy. The medal is awarded for the bravest deed of the year. Mr. Mountain is on the R.A.F. reserve.

CONSTABLE WOUNDED IN POLICE STATION

P. C. Venn, of Walthamstow, was wounded at Chingford police station when a shotgun was being examined. The gun had just been surrendered, and a policeman was "breaking" it, when it was accidentally fired. The constable was given first aid and taken to hospital, where he was detained.

£5,000 FOR HOSPITAL

Westminster City Council is to contribute £5,000 to the Westminster Hospital rebuilding fund.

MAN KILLED BY TRAIN

Capt. Conway Dobb, aged about 45, of Sloane-avenue, Chelsea, fell in front of a train on the District Railway at Sloane-square Station and was killed.

WOMAN'S BODY FOUND

The badly burned body of Mrs. Annie Smith, 55, was found in a bedroom of her home at Minnow-street, Walworth, where she had apparently been taken ill and fallen against an open fire-place.

OUR LAST BARQUENTINE SOLD

After lying on the mud at Par, Cornwall, for three years, Britain's last square-rigged barquentine, the Water Witch, has been sold to four Esthonians.

Barquentine is a three-masted hot milk jug and cover £180; gold vessel with a square rig on the foremast and a fore-and-aft rig on the main and mizzen (aft) masts.

Henry VIII Apostle spoon (1529) fetched £84; George I plain pear-shaped Water Witch; has been sold to four Esthonians.

Box £210.



A MIGHTY MEAL.—One of the offspring of Beale the lioness at the London Zoo tries to emulate mother by grabbing a big bone at dinner time.

AMERICA'S PROBLEM SAME AS BRITAIN'S

America is facing the same population problems as Britain. Elementary schoolchildren in the United States number 1,573,000 fewer to-day than ten years ago. There are now 20,565,000 compared with 22,138,000 in 1929.

In another ten years there will be another million fewer. At the same time, the army of people aged sixty-five and over will continue to increase. . . . These are facts from Washington statistics. America's peak population should be reached in 1960 (between 140,000,000 and 160,000,000).

In Britain the decline has been steady, although not so sharp. But schoolchildren are, however, 1,000,000 fewer than in 1913, our present total being only 4,392,000.

TO STOP BREN GUN BULLETS

Owing to the adoption by the Army of the Bren light machine gun, the banks at the Bisley ranges have had to be strengthened to stop bullets going through. That was stated at the National Rifle Association meeting in London.

PAID £84 FOR SPOON

In three hours in a London auction £4,836 was bid for articles from Mrs. Guy Ridpath's famous collection of antiques. Prices: Henry VIII Apostle spoon (1529) fetched £84; George I plain pear-shaped

Water Witch; has been sold to four Esthonians.

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PRESENTED FROM COURT

From London's police courts:
Witness at Highgate: I am always expecting people to cross the road, but I never expect them to get right across.

Motorist at West Ham: A bus right ahead of me? . . . I can't remember. I wasn't interested in my actual surroundings.

Witness at Barking: The defendant's driving was rather peculiar. I think he wanted to keep to the sunny side of the road.

CAR THEFTS ON INCREASE

Joy-riding in borrowed cars is on the increase in England also. In 1935 just 5,723 such cases were reported to the police. By 1937 that number had jumped to 13,644. In 1936 Britain had 1,477,378 private cars; in 1,798,102.

CHURCHYARDS SHOULD BE PLACES OF BEAUTY

The Bishop of Southwark, in his April Diocesan Letter, points out how some churchyards are well kept and bright with flowers, while others are neglected and depressing.

In every parish there are ardent gardeners, he says. If they were invited to transform the churchyards they would come forward willingly and make them places of beauty.

SQUARE-RIGGED SHIP SOLD

After lying on the mud at Par, Cornwall, for three years, Britain's last square-rigged barquentine, the Water Witch, has been sold to Four Esthonians, who intend to take the vessel to the Baltic.

OBJECTION TO STATION'S NAME

NAME

For the third time since Cockfosters Tube extension was opened Southgate Borough Council is asking for Enfield-West Station, on the Piccadilly Line, to be renamed, it being contended that the present name leads to confusion.

"KEEP LEFT" IN TUNNEL

Under new by-laws in force, pedestrians using Woolwich Tunnel have to keep to the left instead of to the right as at present, and during the morning and evening peak periods pedal cycles and perambulators will be prohibited.

BOOK REVIEW BY H.N. BRAILSFORD

"You've
got to
be fussy
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Fussy about their training

—fussy about who rides them. Personally I find it's the only way. For instance, I don't much care to lead in a lucky winner; but it gives me the rarest pleasure to watch any thoroughbred ridden to a faultless victory.



In the same way I appreciate the good judgment used in the making of White Horse Whisky. I've yet to discover a richer flavour with a finer fragrance, a silkier smoothness with a more heartening glow. Till I do, I shall insist on White Horse."

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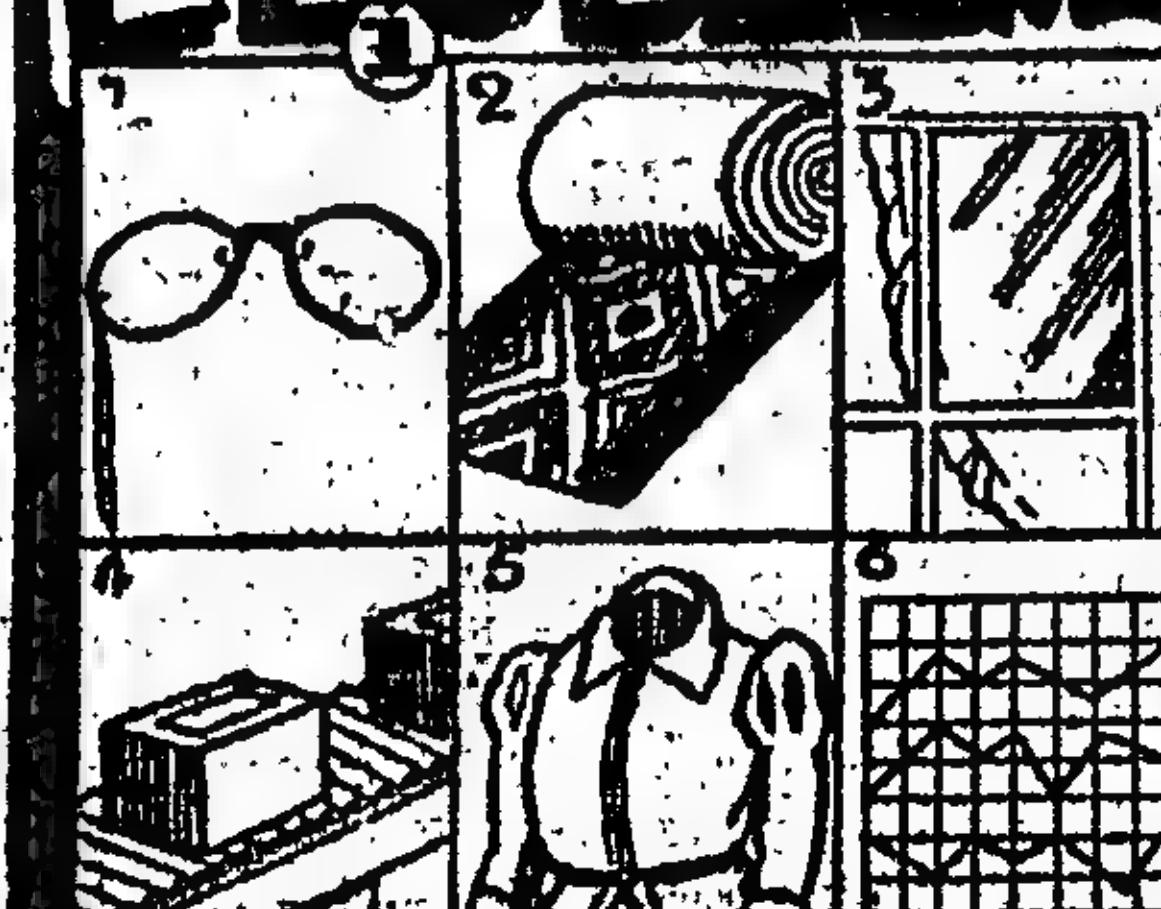
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By ERN SHAW No. 10.

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A second will be found in jet,
One of us is cased in tins,
And a fourth a box within.
If a fifth you would pursue,
It can never fly from you.
WHAT ARE WE?



Empire or Democracy? A study of the Colonial Question, by Leonard Barnes. (Gollancz, 7s. 6d.; Left Book Club choice, to members, 2s. 6d.)

SINCE J. A. Hobson wrote his classical study of British Imperialism, no book on this subject has appeared that ranks in importance with this volume by Mr. Leonard Barnes.

There are chapters in it written with moving eloquence that show a wide sweep of thought. There are others that dissect the economic and political realities of native life in Africa, which the most complacent reader will find disturbing, for their data admit of no question.

The constructive chapters that outline a policy are no less unflinching and courageous, though they may not fully convince every reader who accepts Mr. Barnes's outlook.

The purpose of the book is to survey the dependent empire at a moment when the claim for the return of the German colonies has put it morally and politically on the defensive.

What, to begin with, is its place in our national life? The picture has changed fundamentally since the pre-war period. At the present low level of native consumption, alike in India and Africa, it is no longer an indispensable market. Mr. Barnes believes that the whole dependent empire absorbs only 2 per cent. of the total produce of British industry.

The export of capital that was the salient feature of the great period of imperial expansion has ebbed for the British Empire as a whole; until in comparison with the last pre-war years it now stands in the ratio of 3 to 7, and capital is, in fact, being repatriated more rapidly than it is sent out.

The whole income from past investments in the dependent empire is in the region of £38,000,000, which is slightly less than 1 per cent. of our total national income. This may be enjoyed by a class that exerts great political influence, but it is a negligible factor in the economic life of England.

SOCIAL PULL

On the other hand, as Mr. Barnes puts it, the dependent empire does enable large numbers of middle-class people to lead upper-class lives. There are about 200,000 employees, official and unofficial, in the dependent empire, who together reinforce the middle-class income group at home to the extent of about 10 per cent.

This social pull of the dependent empire is clearly, then, more important than its significance either as market or field of investment. It is primarily what James Mill called it, a system of outdoor relief for the governing class.

The picture Mr. Barnes draws of colonial Africa will startle no one who has read the books of Dr. Norman Leys on Kenya, but it is continental in its sweep. The historical chapters are the least successful, but the general picture is well drawn.

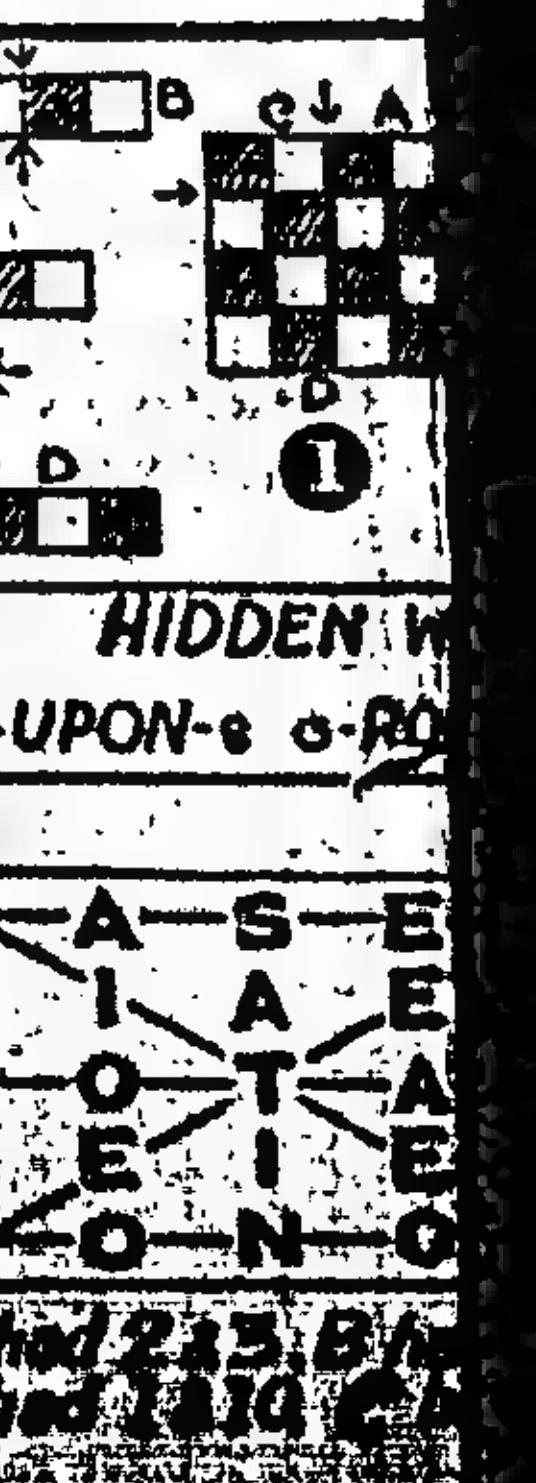
Some of the more salient cases of exploitation deserve to be quoted. Thus the copper mines of Northern Rhodesia export this metal to the value of £12,000,000 annually. Of this £5,000,000 goes to dividends of N.

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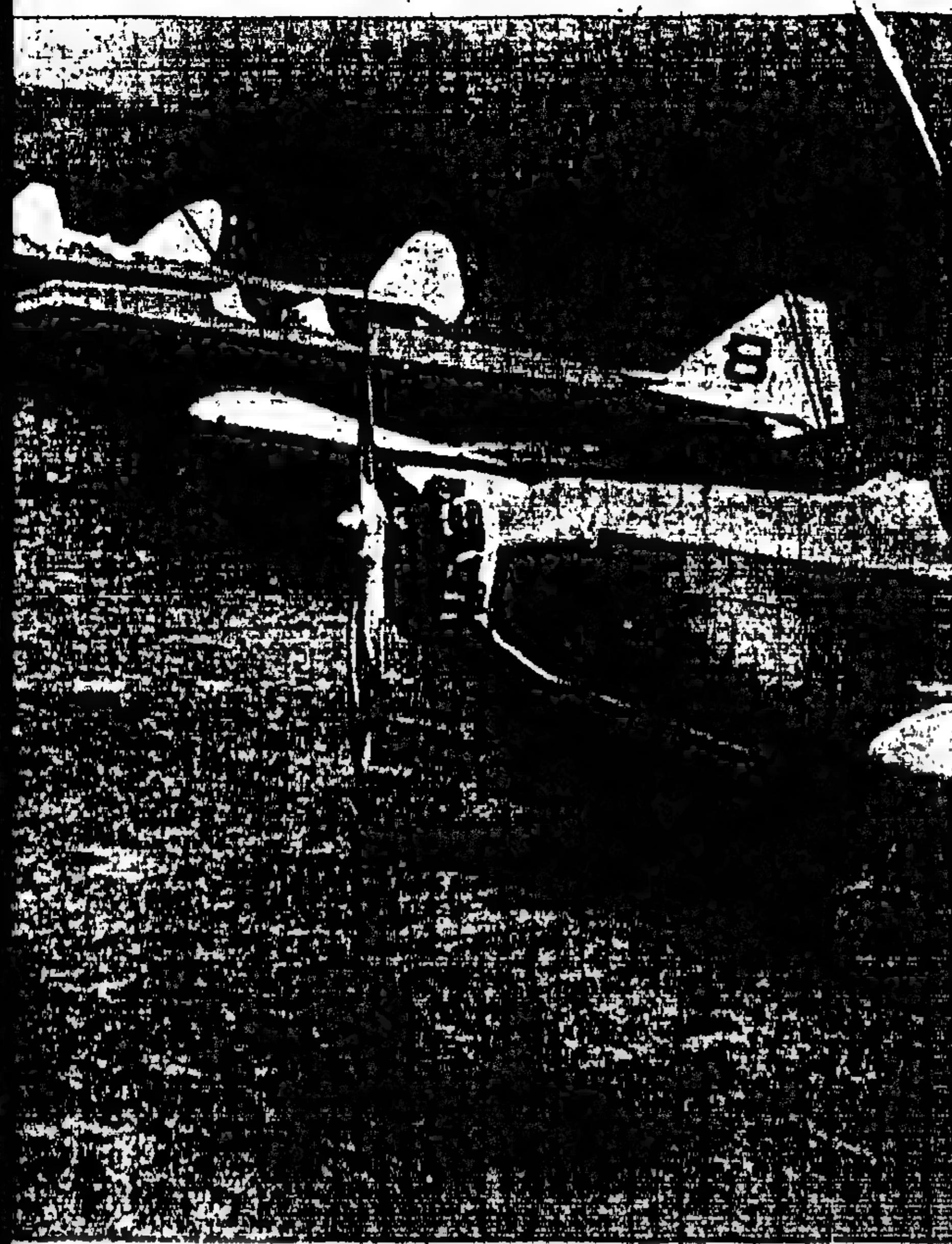
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OUT THE COLONIES



CARD GIRLS SPEND HOLIDAY.—Enthusiastic

of the Civil Air Guard, they have to spend their evenings learning to fly the Easter holiday as more hours they are in the air. This in Chingford (Essex) shows how the girls holiday "on duty" in turn to get to the enthusiastic girl members of the Guard rush to their

an annual income of £1,000 each, while 33s. of annual income falls to each of the 120,000 natives.

Behind such instances of exploitation lies the picture of a society slowly disintegrating. The population is facing decline more rapidly than our own, for the annual increase averaged over twelve colonies is only 0.3 per cent. against 0.45 per cent. in England.

This is explained partly by the terrific infant mortality, but also by the constant drain of male migratory labour to mines and plantations. That, again, has its cause in the deliberately crushing direct taxation—for example, £1 a head out of an average native income of £3 in British East Africa.

From this cause and also on the concentration upon crops for export, there results a too frequent condition of malnutrition, aggravated into account, the vated by the easily preventable disease perhaps one of ease of hookworm.

to royalties, while paid in wages to the men who do the whole action.

Assessive generous estim- domestic service and all field perhaps one of ease of tribute.

While the new apparatus of quasi-European government saps the social consciousness of the natives, it gives them in social services only the most meagre compensations.

One would like to see placarded on every hoarding the table in which Mr. Barnes exhibits all the educational opportunities, official and unofficial, however elementary, that reach the children of the various African colonies in proportions that vary from something under five per cent. to a startling maximum (in Basutoland) of some thing under sixty per cent. The average is nearer the lower end of the scale.

POLICY OUTLINED

I must leave the reader to enjoy for himself the powerful and eloquent argument by which Mr. Barnes contends that Fascist Imperialism and our own rest on the same principle. He opposes equally any suggestion of sharing out with the Have-nots our property in human lives and any stone-walling policy of defending what we have got.

There follows one of the boldest plans I have ever read for liquidating the dependent empire. Mr. Barnes rightly sees India as the central problem. If once we had honestly conceded self-determination there we should have begun to put ourselves right with the world and our own conscience.

That involves, needless to say, a complete shift in the balance of real power at home. But I am inclined to think that he underestimates the military danger of the Fascist conquest of an independent India.

It would be worked, not by frank invasion, but by disintegration from within followed by non-intervention.

Again, twenty years seems to me a brief schooldtime in which to train all the African colonies for independence. It ought to be done, I think, in spite of his warnings, on an international plan.

Disinterested trading concerns which would hand over all profits for African development may be one line of solution. The creation of an International Civil Service which would include qualified Africans may be another. But such qualifications do not detract from the merits of one of the ablest and bravest books of our generation.



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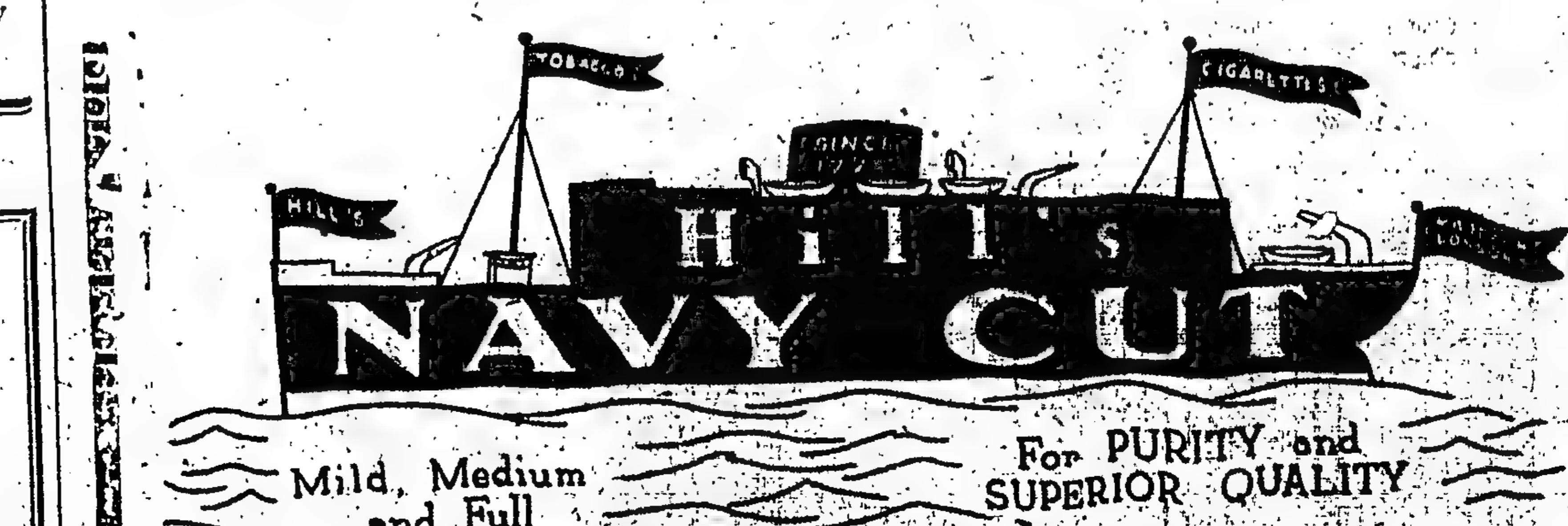
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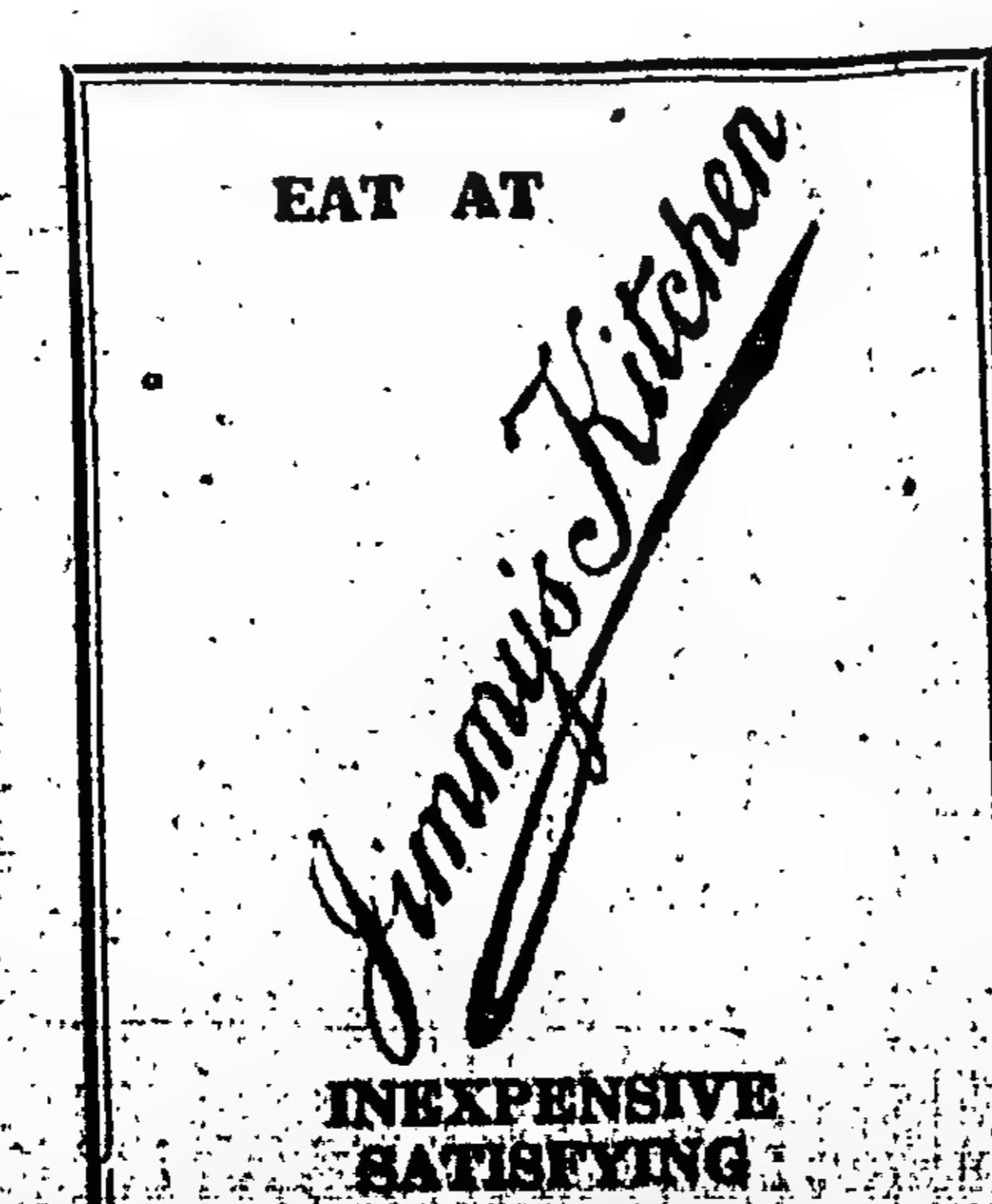
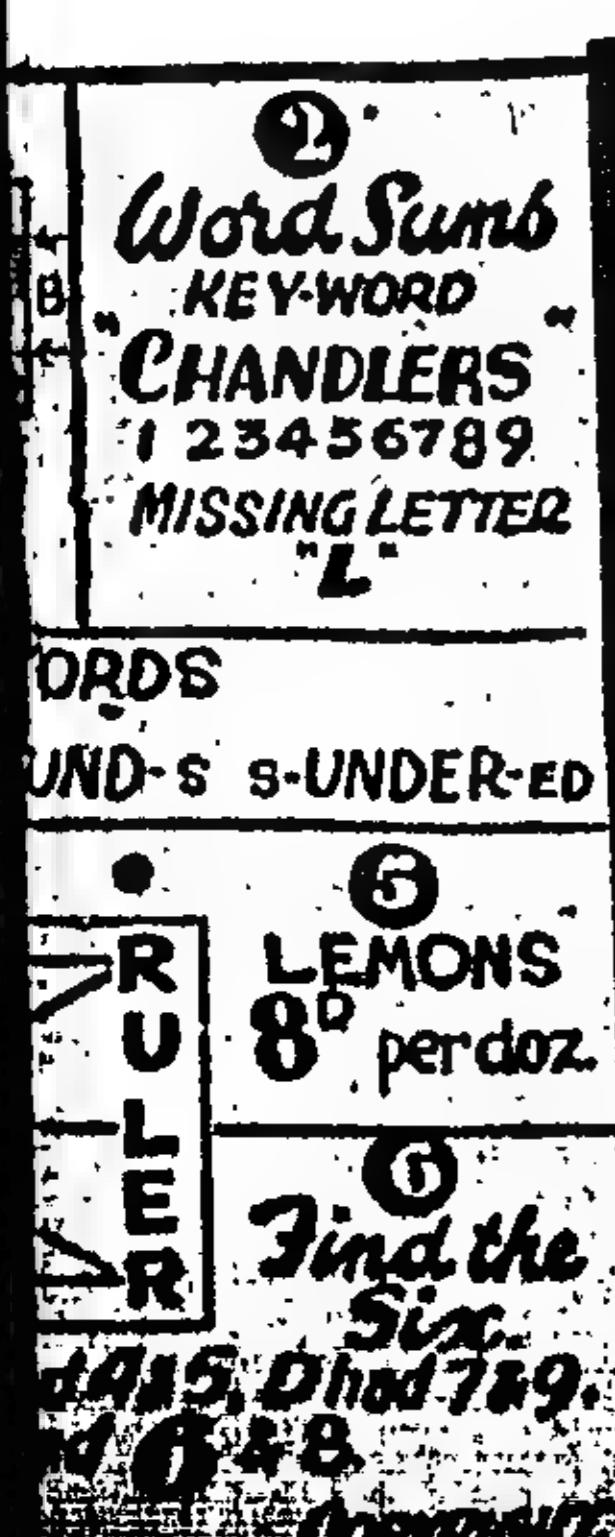
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by PATRICIA LINDSAY

CLEVER EYE MAKE-UP PERMITS YOU MANY COLOURS

Paris cables "colour for Spring," New York takes up its echo. New Fashions promise to be the gayest and most colourful with no limit to the shades or tones you might wear.

To those of you who feel that only one particular colour is becoming, this is not good news. You shudder to think of introducing several bright colours in your new wardrobe. You think, perhaps that because you have blue eyes, that you should wear only tones of blue. And in a way you are right.

Wearing the colours which compliment your eyes is usually a good rule to follow. But with the new eye make-up available you can create the illusion of having, green eyes, blue eyes, hazel eyes or any eyes.

FOR BOILED HAM

TWO sticks of horseradish, finely grated, grated rind and juice of two oranges and one lemon, 2 oz. red currant jelly, a little castor sugar, one tablespoonful best white wine vinegar, little mustard and salt.

Mix all well together and serve with hot boiled ham.

ONE pint cream, 4 tablespoonsfuls mustard, $\frac{1}{2}$ cupful sugar, 2 egg yolks, 1 teaspoonful flour, 1 cupful cider vinegar.

Heat cream in double boiler, add sugar. Dissolve mustard in a little cream saved from the pint, add beaten yolks and add to warm mixture with half teaspoonful salt. Stir for two or three minutes, then add one teaspoonful flour and lastly the vinegar. Boil.

colour you wish. This is done by blending a shadow, which is shiny, on your eyelid and then dressing up to it!

NEW EYE LIPSTICKS AVAILABLE

One of the most convenient eye make-up gadgets available is a baby lipstick — an intriguing little device which enables you to apply eyeshadow conveniently and quickly. Six nicely blended shades, and natural, are yours from which to choose. If you have two or three shades you can play around a lot with your eyes and get some interesting effects.

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If you are the type who felt you could never wear a soft yellow green, for instance, in spite of the fact that you have a rich colouring, you should shadow your eyes with the green shade and see what happens! I'll bet you could get away with the lovely new colour.

CLEVER EYE MAKE-UP

In making up your eyes, experimenting will teach you that with a natural base (similar to vaseline) you may blend in another shade of eyeshadow so that it will be almost imperceptible but will give your lids a lustrous appearance, and will key up with the colour you want to wear. And the result is more than flattering.

LITTLE SHADOW DURING DAYTIME

The natural stick is simply grand for daytime — unless you are the

very exotic type. The other shades should be used very sparingly when you wish to wear them in the broad daylight—but you may wear them much more intensely when you dress up for an evening party!

You may also like the coloured mascaras for your lashes but I personally like either the dark brown, blue or black. And I like to see even those colours used sparingly!

What The Stars Foretell

By MARY BLAKE

Competition, in every line of human endeavour, is apt to be exceptionally keen this day. An excessive amount of energy may make the average person restless, and perhaps act in a very aggressive manner. You will display good judgment if you make up your mind not to permit trifling details to upset your disposition, for they may be the cause of most of the day's aggravations. You may want to have your own way in some matter this day, and you may find that a conciliatory manner, combined with a tactful suggestion, is liable to be most helpful. The average person is likely to be very susceptible to flattery and you perhaps will have occasion to use some of it adroitly. If you do, your personality may help you greatly in a social way, but if you give in to a temptation to appear lackadaisical, there is danger of your prejudicing someone against you. Married and engaged couples, as well as those whose ardent love is fully reciprocated, will do well to remember that feelings can be easily hurt this day.

be able to make a gratifying record. You ought to possess the attributes needed to make marriage a huge success.

The child born on April 27, requires a loving but firm hand, as well as encouragement and good to advice, to start it off right. Often decidedly talented, a splendid career is awaiting this youngster.

WITTY KITTY



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The mentally sketchy girl friend wonders why it is said the voice of Spring is bright and gay when everybody's feeling indifferent to the world in general.

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Is Repetition Necessary To Good Teaching?

"If I've told you once, I've told you a dozen times." This remark is not infrequently made, in schools and out of them, and for every time it is said, it is probably even more frequently in the thought of the exasperated teacher who feels that he has really shown quite exemplary patience and teaching skill with no result whatever.

Is it possible that if the "telling" had been done only once it might have been remembered, without occasion for the useless repetition? One of the most interesting points made by Miss Charlotte Mason, the founder of the Parents National Educational Union, was that a child should be told or read a story only once, and that he could on this basis be trained to a very high degree of retentiveness.

Every teacher is exposed to the danger of talking too much and of repeating things "ad nauseam," with the laudable intention of seeing that no child has missed anything.

REPEATING MAY BE A HABIT

Not long ago an after-dinner speaker began by saying, "As there may be some of you who have not heard this story . . ." "There," said my neighbour, "that man's a schoolmaster. Now, a man of another profession would have had the delicacy not to tell a story some of this guests might have heard!" I promptly countered with a spirited defence of my profession, but not without an uneasy feeling that the enemy had scored a point. Which of us

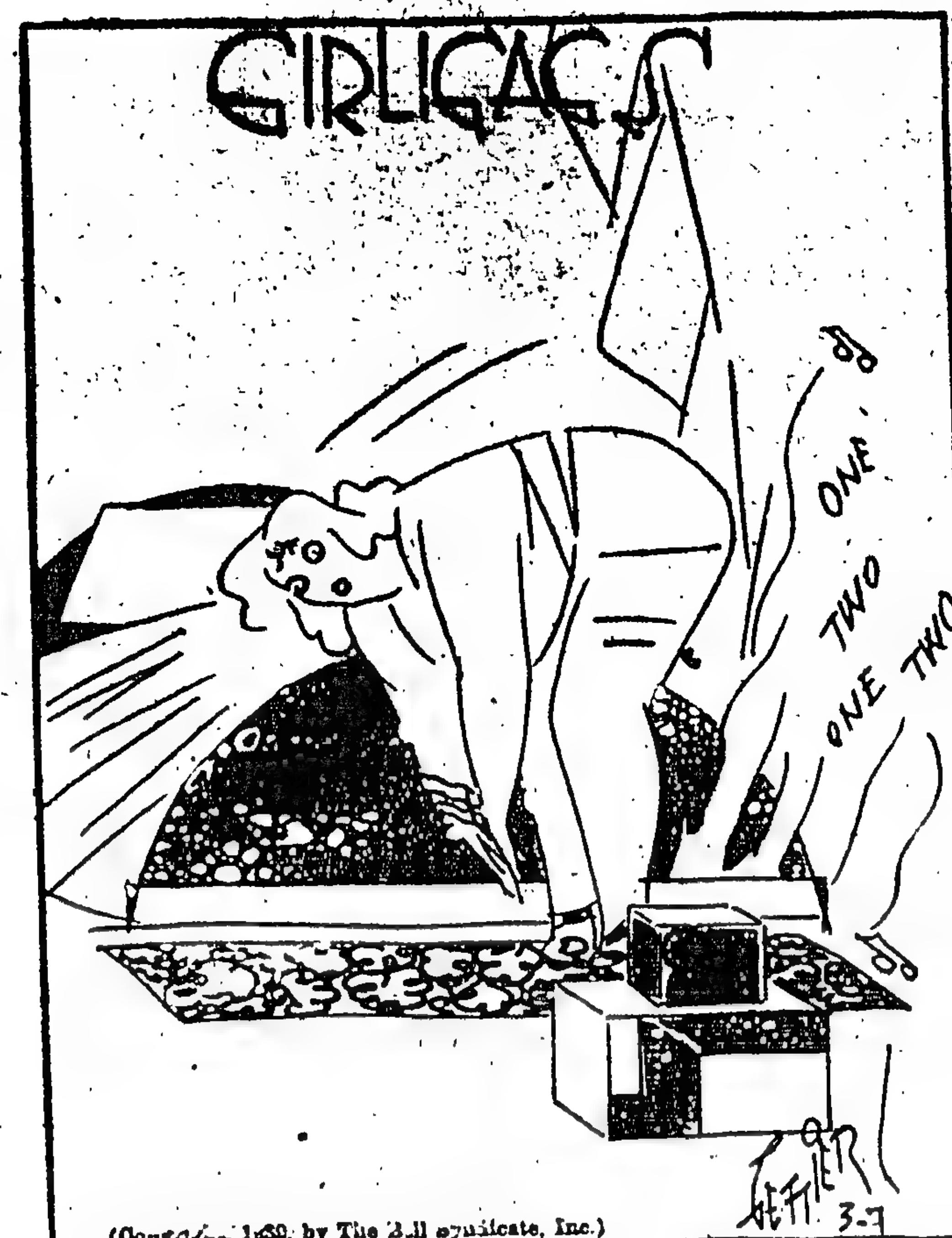
has not heard children (and even grown-ups) say "What?" before the question was well finished, expecting and knowing that laziness would be rewarded by its repetition.

A tendency to this failing should receive attention in class, and the teacher who explains to his pupils the value of "saying a thing once" may expect their eager co-operation, for children love efficiency, and they can easily see how this kind of retentiveness leads to it.

If we are to be successful in our "saying once," we must be careful to start each lesson well. In the modern school one class succeeds another with only a few minutes' interval. It is easy for a teacher, eager to begin on his subject matter, to forget that a moment spent in adjusting his group of pupils to the new work to be done is a wise preliminary. The quiet pause before beginning, the collecting up, with the eye, of all pupils in the room, the question about books materials required — all these help to bring the child gently into the new atmosphere to which he must now adjust himself, and nothing can be more relevant to the alert retentiveness we are seeking.

ORDERS CLEAR, SIMPLE, AND ESSENTIAL

I have said that children love efficiency. When they see it, they will respect it; and this respect for their work or our methods will be enhanced by our seeing to it that such orders as we give are clear, simple, and essential. It is the



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"One thing television will explain," says corpulent Cora, "whether the conductor of an early morning broadcasting exercise really goes through his own programme."

more able children who probably suffer most from the excessive number of orders and the repetition to which they have to listen while a point is being pressed home for the slower members of the group. We must do everything we can to save them from the boredom this may induce, and which is so dangerous because it dulls the fine edge of curiosity, the essential to all learning.

Finally, what teacher has not had the joy of finding that something which no amount of effort succeeded in instilling by direct methods, had soon after been grasped indirectly.

TO CRISP ONIONS

PEEL some large onions and cut them across in slices about one-eighth inch thick. Separate the rings and pass them through milk, and then flour.

Shake off the surplus flour by means of a sieve or the frying basket. Fry in deep fat till golden, remove and drain. Just before serving place the onions in the frying basket and plunge for a moment in the smoking hot fat. Remove, drain in a cloth, and serve. The onions will be beautifully crisp.



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HALF-LB. semolina, preferably wheat semolina; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. granulated sugar; $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. butter or good margarine; a few pieces of cinnamon and a few cardamoms; 3oz. almonds, blanched and sliced; 3oz. sultanas.

Make a syrup of the sugar and set it aside. Brown the semolina and set aside.

Melt the butter and in it fry the semolina. Add the spices, after which put in almonds and sultanas, stirring well. Last of all, add the syrup and continue to cook and stir until it thickens and leaves the pan.

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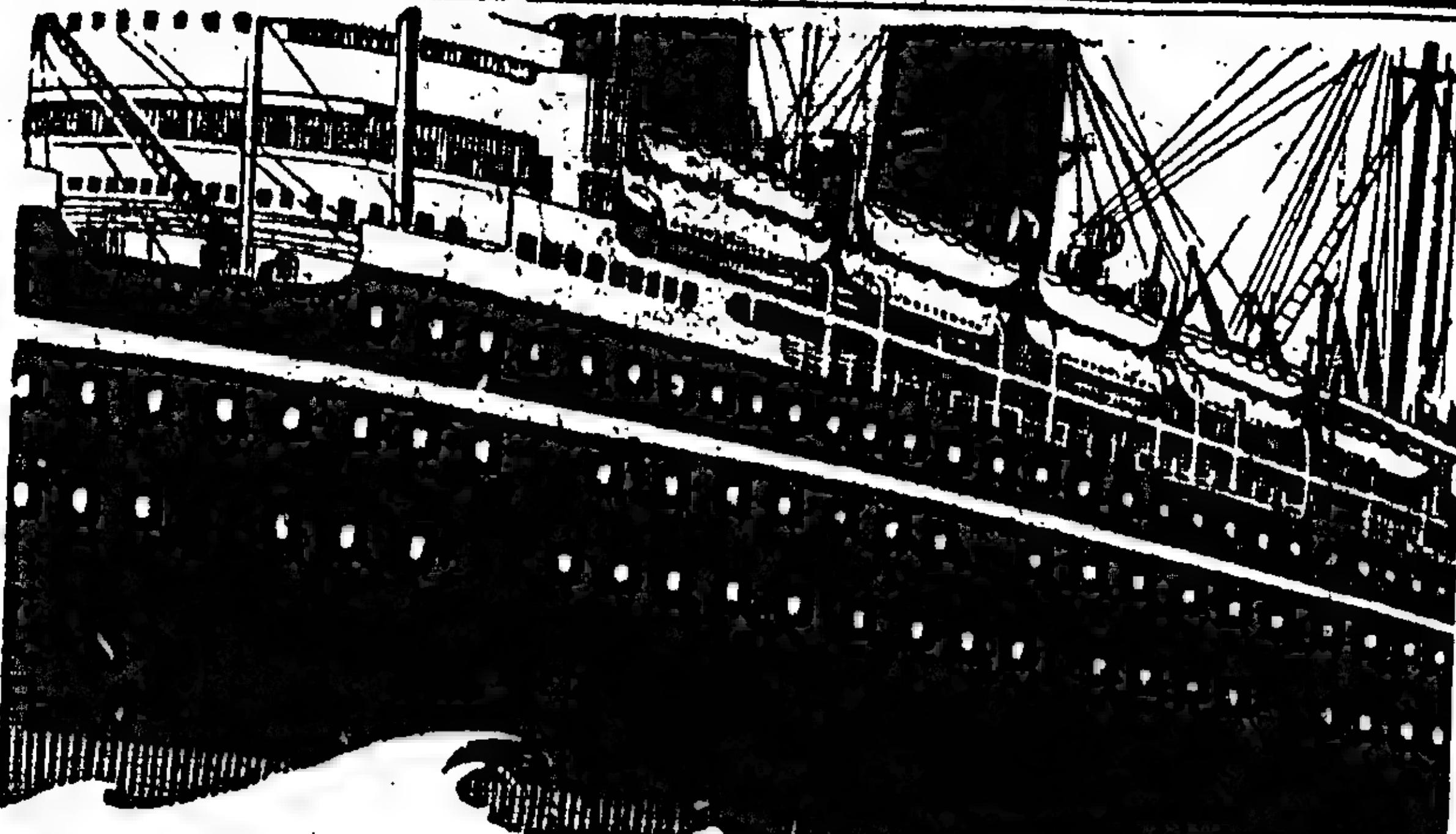
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RANCHI	17,000	10th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BHUTAN	6,000	17th June	Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
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CORFU	14,500	5th Aug.	— do —
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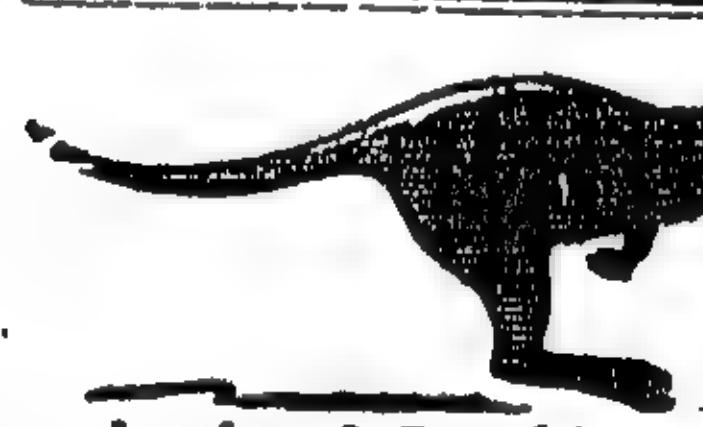
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*BHUTAN	6,000	12th May	Shanghai & Japan.
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RANPURA	17,000	25th May	Shanghai & Japan.
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Ord.	Thur.	Apr. 27, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O.

Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 4th May.

Reg.	Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
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Ord.	Apr. 27, 7 p.m.
Reg.	Apr. 27, 5 p.m.

Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 5th May.

Reg.	Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
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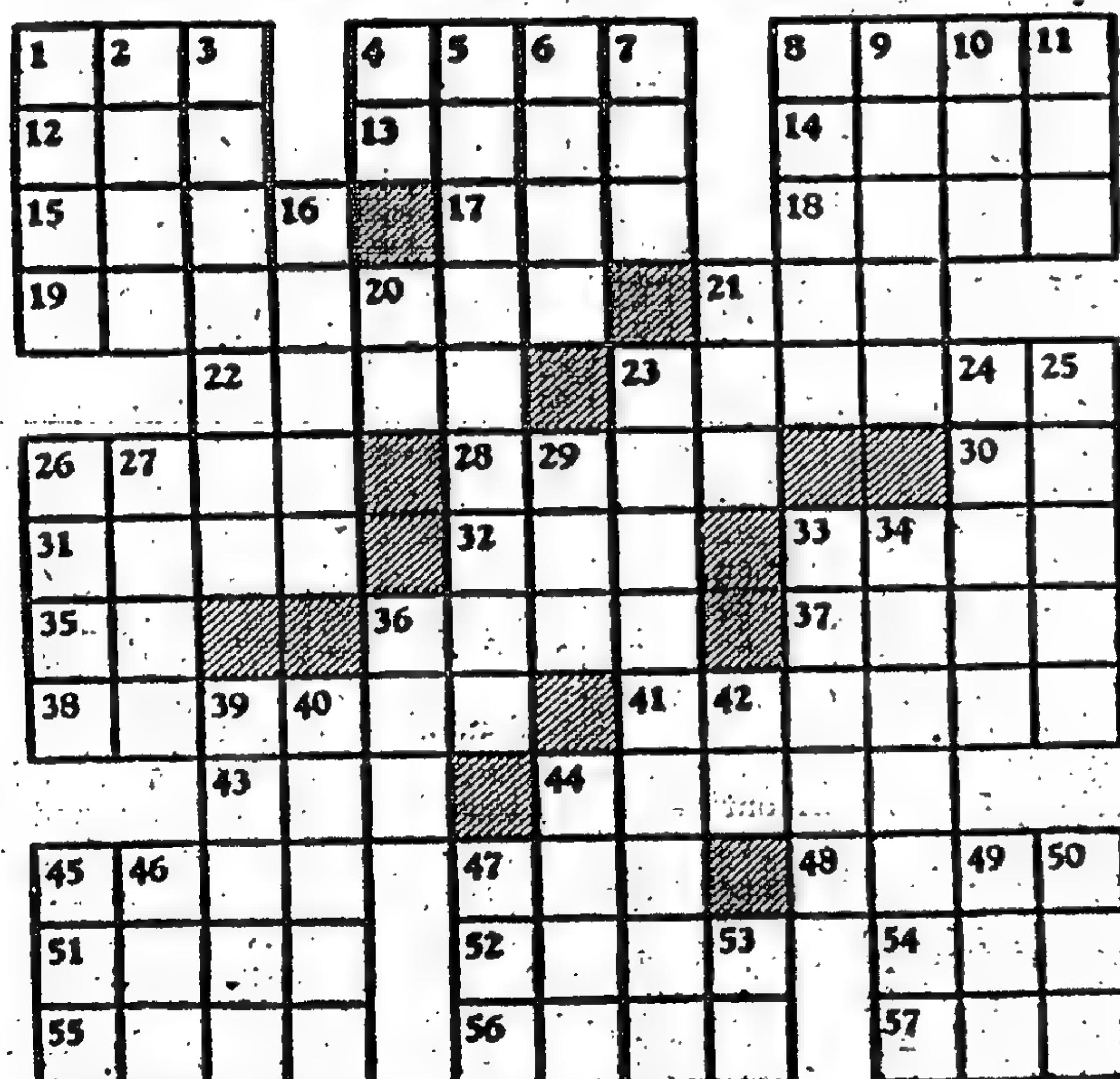
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- 4 To surge
- 8 Cupid
- 12 To wander
- 13 Parts of skulls
- 14 Dell
- 15 Oriental titles
- 17 Music: three
- 18 Objectives
- 19 Overtures
- 21 Silk worm
- 22 To mate
- 23 Property
- 26 Sacred language
- 28 Moving trucks
- 29 Four
- 31 Cooking place
- 32 Before
- 33 Picket
- 35 Artificial tongue
- 36 Biblical name
- 37 Arabian port
- 38 To pledge
- 41 Alligators (slang)
- 43 River (Sp.)
- 44 Lunch wagon
- 45 Sacred bull
- 47 Cap

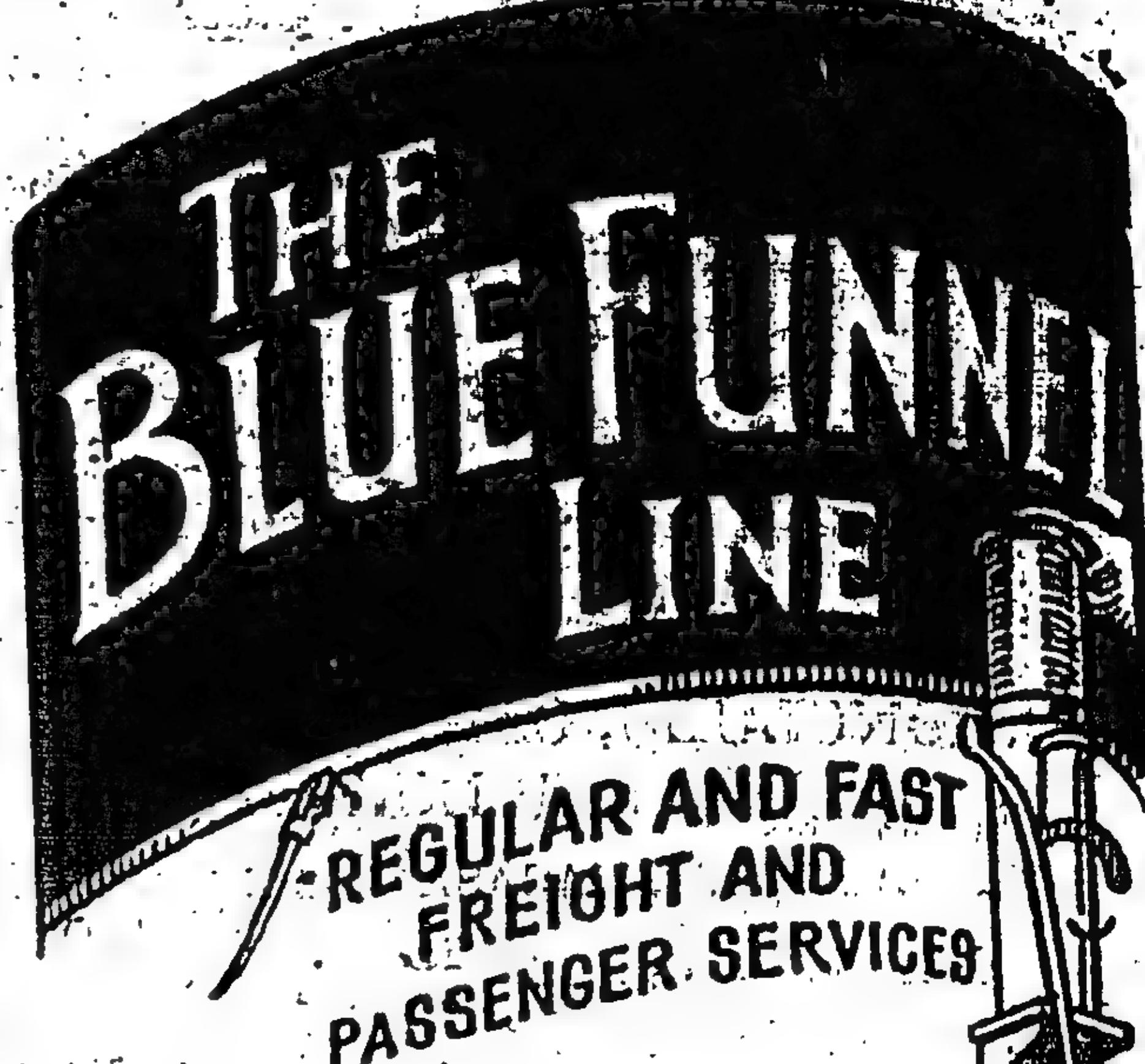
- 48 Outfits
- 51 To deal in
- 52 Appellation of Athena
- 54 Negative
- 55 Robust
- 56 Exploit
- 57 Cheerful

VERTICAL

- 1 Pulsation
- 2 Southern constellation
- 3 To contend
- 4 Note of scale
- 5 To come between
- 6 Molda
- 7 Grain spike
- 8 To turn away
- 9 Obsession
- 10 Antique
- 11 Things
- 16 European country
- 20 Chinese measure
- 21 Worm
- 23 Gives strength to
- 24 Door keeper
- 25 Tie
- 26 Oracle
- 27 English river
- 29 Part of verb, "to be"
- 33 Latin: father
- 34 Worshipping
- 36 Past
- 39 To broll
- 40 Passage way
- 42 Article
- 44 To eliminate
- 45 Kind of tree
- 46 Edible seed
- 47 To weary
- 49 Indian garelle
- 50 Pan
- 53 By

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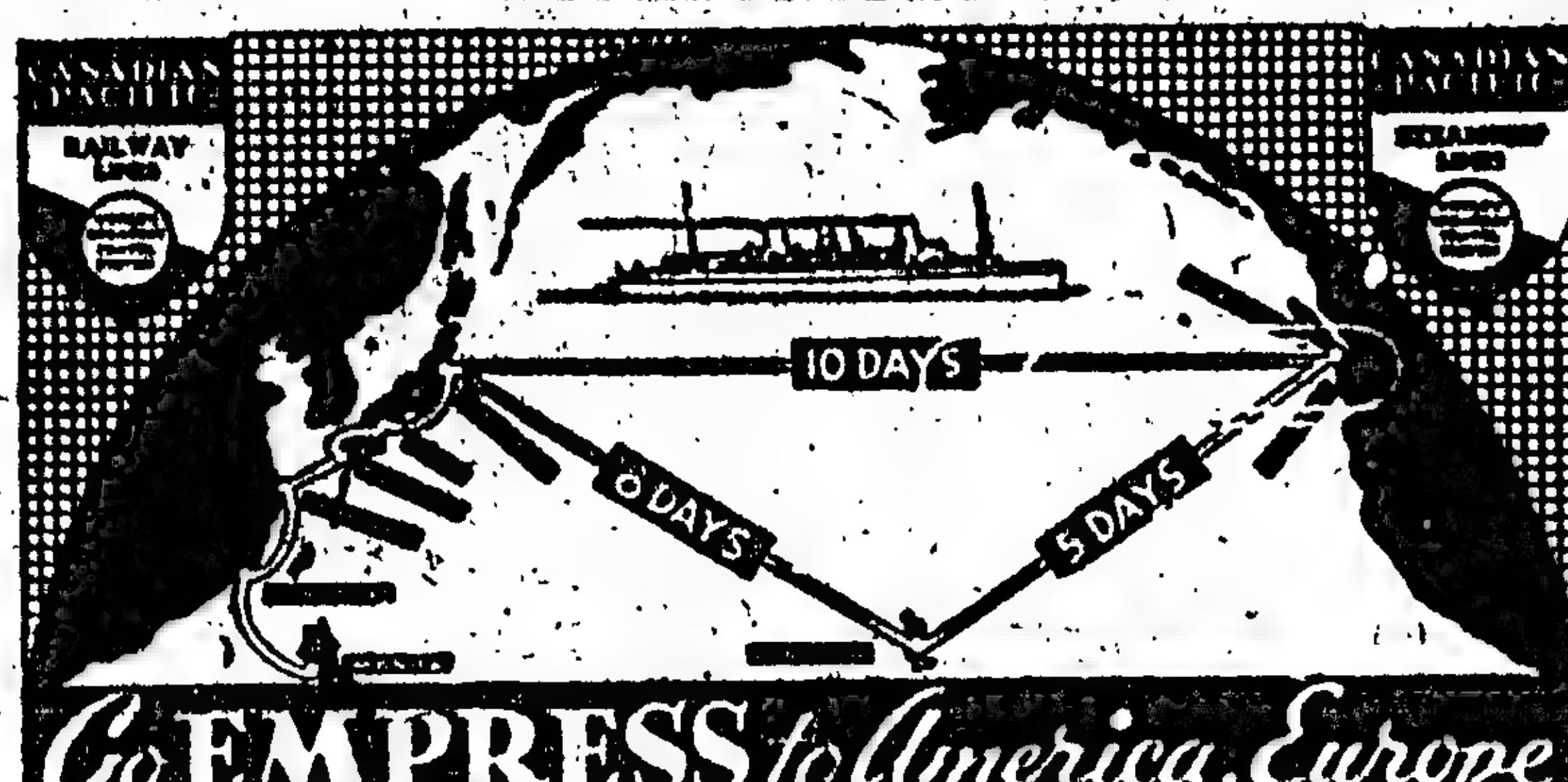
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Experts in weapon training at the Small Arms School at Hythe, Kent, are responsible for turning out officers and non-commissioned officers as technicians under a new system, designed to offer the most effective opposition to the new machines of which the modern army is now composed.

Until recently the Short Magazine Lee-Enfield was the principal arm of the infantry soldier and his training was confined, for the most part, to the stationary target, with the bull's-eye as aiming mark.

As though to see that the rifleman was not called on to exercise his mind and thereby enhance his value in the field, ranges were accurately measured and clearly marked. It was, of course, a state of affairs far removed from Service conditions.

BULL'S-EYE ABANDONED

The bull's-eye, except for preliminary instruction in aiming, has now been abandoned for a progressive system of weapon-training to give the soldier a wider experience of near-war conditions, familiarise him with the action and movement of the various arms and generally to instruct him in the best method of engagement.

Training includes not only steady and accurate fire, deliberate and rapid, at ranges to be judged, but minor tactical exercises. These in turn include fieldcraft. Individual initiative on the selection of targets and how best to deal with them is encouraged.

LANDING IN MINIATURE

On appointed days a mobile army is represented in miniature as hav-

ing effected a landing. The whole training machinery, and personnel can be seen at work.

There are snipers using rifles fitted with telescopic sights; camouflaged stalkers with the 5.5 anti-tank rifle menacing approaching armoured fighting vehicles; and platoons with their mortars, dropping bombs behind earthworks.

There are also light machine-guns spraying the field with bullets and thinning the ranks of advancing infantry; riflemen throwing grenades; and Bren gunners from a tripod very like a music stand, throwing, with hosepipe effect, tracer bullets at an aeroplane target.

BATTLE PICTURE

The coastal range presents an animated battle picture with its tactical surprises. Silhouettes represent advancing sections of infantry. Other specially-designed targets on wheels, cable controlled, depict armoured fighting and other vehicles advancing head-on or obliquely against the defenders.

The phantom army is brought to life by a system of levers and cables. The defenders receive valuable training from the surprise movements and the different type of targets to be engaged.

The mark which the rifleman must hit in war is seldom seen clearly or for long. Hence the need for steady and accurate shooting, and snap shooting at targets which appear only at short and irregular intervals.

In future the soldier is not to be merely a pumper of lead. He must use common sense and act more on his own initiative.

EDEN: "UNITE TO RESIST"

"The events of the month, by their stark and sudden tragedy, have imposed their lesson on all statesmen," said Mr. Anthony Eden in a broadcast to Australia.

"There is now universal agreement on the peril confronting us all, a peril based on the tyrannical abuse of power in this smash-and-grab new world."

"For some Powers force is the only determining factor of policy, and while such a state of mind exists no course is left to peace-loving nations but to unite in resistance to further aggression."

FAMOUS U.S. FLIER MARRIED

Mr. Clyde Pangborn, the American aviator who made the first non-stop flight across the Pacific, was married recently at Southampton register office to Miss Swana Beauchaire Duval, a dress designer, daughter of the late M. Henri Duval, head of a Paris insurance company.

Prof. E. Schaefer, of Cunliffe-owen Aircraft Ltd., Southampton, for which Mr. Pangborn is carrying out important test flights, was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Pangborn will make a honeymoon trip to South America later in the year.

The couple met at St. Moritz at

LOST SECRET PLAN OF MUNITIONS WORKS

A man has been questioned, following investigations by Scotland Yard, Lancashire County Police and Government officials into the loss of a secret plan from the Government's £12,000,000 munition factory at Euxton, near Chorley, Lancs, three weeks ago.

The plan was missed from an office, and its disappearance was regarded so seriously that officials of M.I. 5 at Whitehall went to the munition factory to make inquiries. Scotland Yard officers took fingerprints of a number of people and inquiries were made in London, Manchester, Chorley and Bolton.

Evidence has now been lodged with the Public Prosecutions Department.

The Chinese-American Institute of Cultural Relations is organising a branch institute in Hong Kong. A telegram from Dr. H. H. Kung, President of the Institute, has been received by Dr. C. T. Wang, Mr. Y. M. Chien, and Mr. P. K. Chu, expressing hearty approval. The institute will convene a meeting of the promoters next week.

Christmas, 1937, when Mr. Pangborn went to the assistance of Miss Duval, who had got into difficulties while skiing and landed in a snowdrift.

ROYAL VISIT TO U.S.

THE DECISION OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT NOT TO PERMIT THE KING DURING HIS AMERICAN VISIT TO APPROACH CLOSER TO NEW YORK CITY THAN THE WORLD'S FAIR IN FLUSHING MEADOWS, OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS, IS AROUSING WIDE DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERABLE CRITICISM.

British residents in New York as well as prominent Americans sincerely hope that if the proposal that the King should avoid New York City is adhered to it will at least be made abundantly clear to the American people that the decision is one taken by the American Government. The King, as the official guest of that Government, has no course but to accept without demur the plans made for his reception.

Government officials in Washington naturally have memories of the very exuberant welcomes given by New York to national heroes in the past. They are alleged to fear that if their Majesties passed through part of New York City some untoward incident might occur during the excitement.

British residents however, conscious of the respect and affection with which the British Crown is regarded by Americans, feel that such fears are entirely unjustified.

Several routes could be selected, each of which would permit the King to see something of New York, and, what is far more important, be seen by New Yorkers and yet avoid passing through the excessively congested districts where the streets are hemmed in by towering sky-scrappers.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-21/32.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London at 20-1/16 and forward at 19-7/8.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.6812 and the New York-London rate at £—U.S.\$4.68-1/8.

RHEUMATISM SPREAD TO ALL HER JOINTS

Ordered to Bed After Months of Suffering

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CHILDREN'S PUZZLE

**TODAY, WE PLANTED THE
SEEDS AND
THE SEEDS.**

Two fruits that are spelled with the same five letters are missing from the above sentence. What are they?



Answer to-morrow.

CONFERENCE ON SYRIA

Paris, To-day. A conference on the Syrian question began yesterday with the Premier, M. Daladier, in the chair.

Others present were the Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet, the High Commissioner for Syria, M. Puaux, the commander-in-chief of the French Army, General Gamelin, and various Foreign Office experts.

It is reported that the High Commissioner is presenting a plan for creation of an independent Syrian kingdom under French protectorate. —Trans-Ocean.

WENCHOW AGAIN RAIDED

Kinhwa, To-day. Wenchow, was raided by 11 Japanese naval planes yesterday.

More than 30 bombs were dropped in the town, killing seven civilians, wounding six others and reducing 110 houses to ruins.

Since Tuesday, shipping between Wenchow and Shanghai has been stopped as a result of the Japanese naval activities in the vicinity of Wenchow.

Huanghua, northeast of Wenchow, was shelled on Tuesday. Chinese shore batteries replied, scoring hits on one of the vessels. —Central News.

RAW MATERIALS PURCHASES

Washington, To-day. In the House of Representatives a bill was passed yesterday empowering the Government to purchase raw materials important in the event of a war up to an aggregate value of hundred million dollars.

The purchase of these raw materials which are to be stored in America, will be spread over a total period of five years. —Trans-Ocean.

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LAWN BOWLS NOTES

PROSPECTS OF VARIOUS JUNIOR CLUBS DISCUSSED

K.B.G.C. Strong Challengers In Second Division

WEALTH OF TALENT AVAILABLE AT KOWLOON F.C.

(By "SKIP")

Saturday next, the opening day of the lawn bowls season, will see new records established as far as the number of players participating is concerned.

Whereas last season saw 288 players turn out each week, this year no less than 312 will represent the 26 teams which have entered the Leagues.

There were to have been 27 teams, but as is generally known, Hong Kong Football Club has withdrawn its "B" team from the Second division, in which all clubs will now have a match each Saturday. In the other two divisions, on account of the odd number of teams, one will have to rest each Saturday.

Owing to favourable weather conditions in 1938 several friendly matches were played prior to the opening of the League season and an impression of enthusiasm was given which, for contrary reasons, has been lacking so far this year.

These preliminary games do much to whet the appetites of bowling fans, in addition to serving as a more than useful guide to the selectors and those who, like myself, seek an indication of current form and prospects.

In my recent notes in the "Sunday Herald" I dealt as fully as possible with the First Division of the League, and have little to add: one omission I did make, however, was in not mentioning the return from leave of Frank Goodwin who played such a great game in '37 and also, incidentally, in the successful Esplen Cup match at Wanstead last year. His presence will do much to make up for the losses in playing strength, which my previous notes indicated.

In the Second League, Kowloon Bowling Green Club, runners-up last year, should have a good season as several experienced players such as Armstrong, Meyer and Phillips, all of whom are erstwhile First Division men will be turning out for them.

Serious Contenders

I have little information concerning the personnel of Craiggower's teams in any division but understand that both A. M. Omar and I. C. R. Souza will be seen in the Second League this year. Their presence should make this team very serious contenders for honours.

Taikoo Dock, who won exactly half their games last year, may look forward to an equally successful season.

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FIRST DIVISION

C.C.C.

J. W. Leonard, K. M. Omar, A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury (Skip).
A. A. Razack, W. Ward, A. M. Omar and U. M. Omar (Skip).
L. C. R. Souza, M. A. R. Souza, J. S. Landolt and R. Bass (Skip).

C.S.C.C.

E. W. Simmonds, A. Steven, W. Burling and J. Hollidge (Skip).
M. E. Purvis, C. Strange, M. Rakusen and A. Grimmitt (Skip).
R. R. Davies, R. R. Wood, L. Collyer and J. Deakin (Skip).

K.B.G.C.

A. S. Russell, A. Macfarlane, A. J. Hall and R. Duncan (Skip).
F. Cheesman, S. M. White, W. S. Drake and W. Macfarlane (Skip).
W. L. Walker, T. E. Robson, J. C. Gill and A. M. Holland (Skip).
Reserve—A. Bower.

SECOND DIVISION

C.C.C.

J. H. Xavier, D. A. Rozario, H. W. Randall and C. S. Rosslet (Skip).
A. J. Coelho, B. W. Whiteman, M. J. Medina and J. Cavanagh (Skip).
W. J. Penny, Dr. N. P. Karanjia, T. Locke and W. K. Way (Skip).

K.B.G.C.

R. P. Phillips, V. C. Dixon, J. S. Logan and J. G. Meyer (Skip).
E. V. Scarle, K. C. Hamilton, H. E. Drew and G. E. F. Thompson (Skip).
D. W. Waterton, L. A. R. Duncan, T. Armstrong and S. Randle (Skip).

H.K.F.C.

J. S. Howell, W. J. Reid, J. Beach and J. A. R. Selby (Skip).
R. P. Shaw, G. E. Stephens, J. Russell and A. Brooksbank (Skip).
W. Kershaw, C. B. Robertson, L. Lammert and N. Bebbington (Skip).

C.S.C.C.

E. Kerman, D. Crawley, L. Whant and H. Strange (Skip).
F. Harper, J. Carr, W. J. Bagley and W. Hillyer (Skip).
L. Weeks, V. Ebbage, A. B. Allan and S. Eccleshall (Skip).
Reserves: T. Sudden and E. B. Bradshaw.

Kowloon Tong

C. Mose, J. Tang, J. L. Stephens and A. Spary (Skip).
A. E. Castro, Y. Abbas, A. I. Kew and A. H. Basto (Skip).
T. N. Wong, T. M. Gregory, W. I. Howard and H. Gittins (Skip).

K.F.C.

B. Evans, W. Simpson, V. Atienza, and W. Field (Skip).
R. Hall, J. Smalley, V. Chittenden, and J. Gibson (Skip).
J. Eastman, A. Moss, P. Younghusband, and T. Ferguson (Skip).

THIRD DIVISION

C.C.C.

G. A. Payne, W. Phelps, A. B. Hamson and G. S. Ladd (Skip).
E. McNay, H. Petersen, Dr. C. W. Lam and John Pau (Skip).
W. McNeill, E. Kerrison, A. E. S. Alves and A. A. Lewis (Skip).

H.K.F.C.

C. G. Sollis, H. G. Wallington, S. Cressay and V. Walker (Skip).
F. Anslow, C. H. Needham, J. Ralston and H. H. Pegg (Skip).

E. Cassey, J. Barnes, T. Rowell and J. H. Gelling (Skip).

K.B.G.C.

C. E. Turpin, G. S. Hammond, J. S. Dinnen and Jack Watson (Skip).
H. J. Bicknell, E. F. Pope, P. J. A. Hamilton and B. E. Maughan (Skip).

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D. Isatt, W. Ekel, B. Thomson, and P. Morgan (Skip).
S. C. Wong, C. M. Hall, H. Bunje, and V. Petherick (Skip).

C. Fuller, J. Ross, T. White, and C. Champelovier (Skip).

ROYAL SUCCESS AT NEWMARKET

London, To-day.—His Majesty the King had his first win of the season, at Newmarket, when his two-year-old filly Mouzelie, starting at 11 to 2, won the Wilbraham Stakes over five furlongs, beating Mr. T. F. Blackwell's Lady Sue (9 to 4) by three-quarters of a length.

Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen's Tumult (7 to 2), a short head away, was third.

Seventeen ran and the Royal victory was greeted with loud cheers.—Reuter.

BOWLING

COMPETITORS DEFEAT WONDERS

A most enjoyable evening was spent at the Hong Kong Bowling Alleys when the final of the Ewo Bowling League in which the Competitors beat the Hong Kong Wonders by 243 points, yesterday.

At the end of the match, the Ewo Cup was presented to the winning captain, E. Hearther, by Mr. H. Odell on behalf of the Ewo League.

Scoring generally was not high. Hearther and J. S. Landolt each topped 800, and the former was the only man to score more than 200 in one frame.

This is the second successive time that Messrs. Hearther, Venezia, Molthen and Faggiano have won the Cup. The scores were:

COMPETITORS

E. Hearther	194	159	201	151	149	=854
Dick Venezia	162	145	167	149	175	=793
Doc Molthen	161	148	159	175	147	=790
Dick Faggiano	113	151	187	145	173	=769
Total						3,211

HONG KONG WONDERS

J. S. Landolt	160	182	135	175	166	=818
L. Gaddi	142	146	154	157	136	=735
A. Goldau	180	124	113	129	178	=724
M. Talan	186	120	177	107	151	=691
Total						2,968

ANOTHER WIN FOR TRUE BLUE

First place in a sweepstake race held by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday was secured by True Blue. The distance was 5.4 miles. Results:

	Finished	Pos.
True Blue	17.59.33	1
(Miss H. Crawhall Wilson).		
Artemis	17.59.58	2
(Miss M. Whitham).		
Kittiwake	18.00.28	3
(Miss P. M. King).		
La Linda	18.00.47	4
(Mrs. M. I. Johnstone).		
Ailsa	18.03.18	5
(W. C. Ingram).		

I do not want to be rude, but English international football this season has been only another name for "English forward play." In all three matches, H. B. Toft, D. E. Teden, R. M. Marshall, T. F. Huiskason and the rest of them had to bear practically the whole burden. How they did it will not be soon forgotten, and in the Welsh and Scottish matches they had their reward. But the poor back play is all frightfully disconcerting, as it has been for a few seasons now. It is grossly unfair, I think, to blame the selectors. It is all very well to say now that "A" or "B" would have done better than those who took their places. But what evidence was there that they would even probably have done so? None, in my opinion. We just have not got the backs there's an end of it.

—D. R. Guest.

Blue Peter's Success In 2,000 Guineas

London, To-day.

The two Thousand Guineas run at Newmarket yesterday over a mile resulted in a win for Blue Peter, ridden by E. Smith, by a length and a half from Admiral's Walk with Harry Wragg in the saddle. Fairstone, ridden by Beary, was placed third by three-quarter of a length.

Twenty-five ran. The betting was 5-1, 100-7, 13-2.

The weather was fine and a large crowd present. The going was light and firm.

Dispenser, Blue Peter, Romeo and Rogerstone Castle led from a good start but the former pony failed to last the strong pace and dropped back early on.

Romeo led at the halfway stage, going well, closely followed by Blue Peter, Fairstone, His Highness, Diadoque, Admiral's Walk and Hypnotist.

Romeo started to lose ground going into The Dip and Blue Peter took up the running with Fairstone, Diadoque and Admiral's Walk challenging strongly.

Admiral's Walk and Fairstone were at Blue Peter's girth halfway up the hill but Blue Peter ran on strongly.

Romeo was fourth, Diadoque fifth, Hypnotist sixth, Rogerstone Castle seventh, Atoutmatire eighth, Casanova ninth and Ramoda last.

The time was 1 minute, 40 seconds. — Reuter.

L. ROZA PEREIRA HONOURED

In recognition of his bravery in rescuing a Chinese from the harbour outside the Victoria Recreation Club on July 20, last year, Mr. Lionel Roza-Pereira, Colony cross-harbour champion, was presented with a bronze medallion and parchment of the Royal Humane Society by Sir Atholl MacGregor at the V.R.C. yesterday.

Mr. R. J. Hunt, Hon. representative of the Royal Life Saving Society, stated that at 1.30 p.m. on July 20, 1938, Roza-Pereira was about to take a swim in the Club pool when he heard shouts from outside. He went out and saw three or four others swimming to the aid of a person in difficulties. The nullah, out of which the man had been washed, was running strongly. Mr. Pereira dived in to assist. He overtook the others, but when he reached the drowning man, he had disappeared beneath the muddy waters.

Mr. Pereira dived, and fortunately came in contact with the man's coat. He hauled him to the surface and assisted in taking him aboard a Naval launch. On board the launch, Mr. Pereira applied artificial respiration and made excellent progress until blood was seen oozing out of the man's mouth. He had, apparently, suffered internal injuries in his rough passage down the nullah. The man was removed to hospital.

LIFE SAVING KNOWLEDGE

"I want to stress, and stress as hard as I can," said Sir Atholl MacGregor, President of the V.R.C., the value of a knowledge of life saving. The best of swimmers is no use if he does not know how to revive a man he has saved from the water."

"Mr. Hunt has referred to Mr. Pereira as a stout swimmer, I would go further than that and refer to him as a stout-hearted swimmer."

"It is a proud moment" he concluded, "to pin to the breast of Lionel Roza-Pereira this bronze medallion, which is the highest award that the Society has to confer."

The presentation was then made and Sir Atholl called for three cheers and a "whole menagerie of tigers."

TENNIS PROGRAMME

Open Singles

Tsui Yun-Pui v. Lee Wai Tong (Stand Court).

Club Mixed Doubles

W. Sander and Miss A. Taylor (—15) v. T. J. Gould and Mrs. Whyte Smith (—2.6) (4).

H. J. Armstrong and Mrs. Andrews (—15.3) v. Mr. and Mrs. L. Goldman (—15) (8).

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Owing to the fact that Lee Wai-tong will be leaving for Manilla with the Interport Soccer Team, his match with Tsui Yan-pui, which should have been played yesterday, will be played to-day, if weather permits.

The doubles tie between Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui and Stephen Wong and Lim Thian-tet, will accordingly be played at a later date.

AMERICAN BASEBALL

New York, To-day.

Rain again interfered with the Base-ball League games in America.

In the American League Detroit Tigers, beat St. Louis Browns after an extra-inning by 7 runs to 6. Six home runs were registered in this game.

In the National League, the Cardinals beat the Cincinnati Reds by the only run scored, C. Davis, of the Cardinals, unrelieved, blanked the opposition.

New York, To-day.

The following were the results of games played yesterday:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R. H.	E.
St. Louis	6	15
(Almada, Hoag and Sullivan homered).		1
Detroit	7	12
(Game went to 10th inning).	0	
(Greenberg homered twice and Roll once).		0
Chicago	5	9
Cleveland	1	8

The games between Philadelphia and New York and Washington and Boston were postponed owing to rain.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	Pittsburgh	Chicago	0
	1	8	0
	3	7	0
Cincinnati	0	5	1
(C. Davis pitched throughout).			
St. Louis	1	6	0

Other games postponed owing to rain.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

The following were the results of League matches played yesterday.

FIRST DIVISION

Birmingham	1	Chelsea	1
Bolton	1	Preston	0

SECOND DIVISION

Manchester C.	1	Wednesday	1
Sheffield U.	0	Blackburn	0

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Brighton	0	Watford	0
Ipswich	7	Aldershot	2

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Chester	2	Southport	0
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SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Hearts	2	Clyde	1
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—Reuter.

Mrs. Little's Success

London, April 14.—Mrs. D. L. Little showed much of her old form at the Tally Ho tournament at Edgbaston yesterday, when she beat Miss A. M. Yorke by 6—1, 6—3, in the final of the women's singles, and so reversed the result of their match at Harrow last month. M. D. Deloford won the men's singles by beating C. E. Malfroy, of New Zealand, in the final by 6—1, 4—6, 6—4. Rain caused a late start to be made.

Results:

MEN'S SINGLES (FINAL)

M. D. Deloford beat C. E. Malfroy, 6—1, 4—6, 6—4.

PONY RACING

THE JUVENILE HEIGHT LIMIT

The effect of the height limit applied by the Pony Turf Club to juveniles is being seen this year in the greatly reduced number of rejected youngsters. The ruling lays down that two-year-olds may not race until June 1, and that they will

not be accepted for registration if measuring over 14.3 hands.

As a result, a reasonable margin is left for natural development between the ages of two and three years, and juveniles have a much better chance of passing the 15-hand limit when measured for second-season racing. It is an unfortunate fact that animals rejected from P.T.C. racing on grounds of stature cannot be accepted under any other rules in England. Two years ago, however, the P.T.C. came to an arrangement with a number of foreign turf clubs, and ponies exceeding the limit can now be sent

to various overseas countries. In fact, many ex-Northolt racers have gone abroad and have won many prizes.

Riders from abroad continue to make Northolt a happy hunting ground. C. E. Rose, who had considerable experience in France, Egypt, America, Syria, and Greece, has once again taken out a pony licence, and I understand that he will be riding for a few well-known owners with overseas connections. The latest arrival is H. W. Spackman, a jockey whose record in India was impressive. He started well ridden victory on Big News on the first day.

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WINDFALL FOR V.R.C.

At the annual meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club yesterday Sir Atholl MacGregor announced that the late Mr. Thomas Meek, for whom the members had stood in respectful silence for one minute earlier, had left to the Club £1,000. This sum had not yet been received, but Sir Atholl assured members that it was coming.

Sir Atholl was supported by Messrs. D. Lyon (vice-Chairman), R. J. Hunt, G. A. Agabeg, L. Roza-Pereira, F. X. d'Almada e Castro, Jr., D. F. Lopes (Hon. Secretary) and H. Hyndman (Hon. Treasurer).

Sir Atholl said that the V.R.C. was one of those happy Clubs which ran themselves. Nothing sensational ever happened, though there were the usual slight fluctuations from time to time.

The general working account of 1937 and 1938 had shown losses, but this year there was a credit balance of £1,540, a fact which showed that members were taking a really great interest in their Club.

The report and accounts were adopted.

GIFT OF £1,000

Sir Atholl said that he had not had the pleasure of knowing the late Mr. Meek, but he knew several people who had. "He must have loved this Club," he said, "and he has left it £1,000. This is not shown in the accounts, because the wheels of the law go round slowly, but I can assure you that it is coming."

A sub-Committee, he said, had been formed to consider how best that sum could be used. That Committee had not yet reported, and Sir Atholl told members that if they had any suggestions or structural proposals for the betterment of the Club, the Committee and sub-Committee would welcome them, and an extraordinary General Meeting would be called.

The deep sympathy of the Club in the death of Mr. Meek was recorded in the minutes, and an expression of gratitude for the gift he had left.

Honoraria of \$300 each to the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer were carried unanimously.

J. Anderson expressed the hope that the incoming Committee would give more time in the mornings for school children to use the bath.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Sir Atholl MacGregor was re-elected Chairman, amid general acclamation.

Mr. A. O. Barreto was elected Hon. Secretary, and Mr. A. A. Gutierrez Hon. Treasurer.

The new Committee elected comprises:

G. A. Agabeg, C. Al Arculli, S. V. Gittins, R. J. Hunt, D. F. Lopes, L. Lyon, F. W. P. Ross, L. Roza-Pereira and C. N. Silver.

Elusive Running Outwits Defence

ROYAL AIR FORCE . . .

The Royal Air Force beat the Army at Twickenham by a goal, a dropped goal, a penalty goal and two tries to a penalty goal. As the result of this convincing win the Royal Navy, who had already beaten yesterday's winners, retain the championship the R.A.F. finish second and the Army last.

Before the game I wrote that unless the newcomers to the R.A.F. side brought about a surprise or Walker played one of his most baffling games, says a writer in the "Daily Telegraph," the greater experience of the Army would prevail. Well, Walker played one of the best games of his career, the newcomers in Mahoney and Cobden both ran with fine spirit, and the Army experience availed them nothing at all.

The further the game went the greater power Walker became. He always kicked soundly; but after half-time he ran in his most elusive fashion, dropped the cleverest of goals, and scored a try under the posts with a right-left-right swerve which left the Army defence doing strange things with their feet and arms.

Balmforth, besides serving Walker well, got through any amount of work on his own, some of his saving being as solid as it was courageous. Between them they so overshadowed the opposing pair, of whom Chambers was a good deal the better, that the Army centres, behind a slow-heeling pack spent an uncomfortably crowded afternoon, and were never allowed to develop any attack in which their wings had reasonable chances of scoring.

The Army midfield defence was outstanding in a game in which the tackling had all the traditional ferocity. No Services game could ever be dull while people set about each other in that manner! But why the Army captain waited until five minutes from the end before moving Leyland to stand-off half will always remain for me like the "Marie Celeste," the Indian rope trick and the crossword on Saturdays. Five minutes after the start would not have been too soon.

Admittedly the Army half-backs were handicapped by the tortuous heelings of a curiously docile pack, who gave me the impression of being stale from the effects of too much football of an inferior quality. Packing 3-4-1, the Army got the ball in all seven times more than their opponents in the tight, besides being rather cleverer in the loose scrummaging, but they had neither the fire nor the fury in the open. Certainly they never looked capable of packing 3-2-3, wheeling and taking charge of the game when the outside weakness became apparent.

The R.A.F. forwards made a good showing, the two big men, Irenc and Roncoroni, delighting in the hand-to-hand encounters, and the back row, with Gascoigne particularly good, carrying out a campaign of insidious infiltration, in the course of which they mercilessly strangled any attempts at ingenuity or originality in a back division already labouring in the fell clutch of circumstance.

Airmen Penalised

Both sides went off at top speed, but at the end of six minutes typical tear-away Services Rugby, the R.A.F. were penalised for a scrum-mage infringement, and Areng-Jones bashed over a goal.

Already we had seen some splendid tackling by Harrison, Leyland and Ibbetson, several attempted moves by the R.A.F. three-quarters being given very short shrift. Now came a formidable R.A.F. rush which looked really dangerous until Holmes cleared with a kick. The R.A.F. then went in, Parsons added in, but strangely enough did not claim a mark.

Mahoney, who has tremendous acc-

London, March 31.

18 pts. ARMY . . . 3

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SERVICES CHAMPIONSHIP RESULT

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.
Royal Navy 2 1 1 0 14 9 3
R.A.F. 2 1 0 1 21 11 2
Army 2 0 1 1 9 24 1

Ireng, next made a strong run before sending over a cross-kick. Rogers gathered it, found Ireng inside him to take his pass, and there were critically crowded moments on the line before the Army forced their way out. They came to the attack with a clever kick to touch near the flag by Sayers, who played his fast slashing game, mixing things readily with anyone willing to go for him. Areng-Jones and Cary were his best accomplices.

Ireng Levels Scores

Relief came when Cobden started a move, and Gascoigne carried on with a dribble. With a quarter of an hour gone, Ireng kicked a good penalty goal, from an angle 30 yards out, to put the R.A.F. level.

That was all the scoring in a first half of splendid vigour and stern tackling. We saw Mahoney in action again, some powerful, accurate kicking by Walker, the Army forwards striving to assert themselves and taking scrums for line-outs, Ibbetson, Sayers and Bevis in a move, a timely clearance by Bevis, Cary bursting through but losing the ball, and two good bits of hustling work by Cobden. It was apparent that unless changes were made in the Army midfield players, or the pack endeavoured to keep the ball and win the game themselves, the R.A.F. had a good chance of winning.

At any rate, it was difficult to see the Army scoring, while with Rogers and Garvin behind, Walker and fast wings outside them, there were plenty of possibilities about the R.A.F. attack.

Holmes Injured

With five minutes of the second half gone, Walker put a deft punt over the line away to the right, and Rogers got the touch-down in a scramble during which Holmes was hurt, leaving the field for five minutes. Sayers going to full-back. Ireng failed with the kick, but four minutes later Gascoigne, following up fast, as ever, caught Ibbetson, and from the ensuing scrummaging, Balmforth found Walker. The stand-off swung himself out of a half-tackle, and from about 30 yards out dropped a perfect goal.

Up to that point it had been anybody's game, but now there was no holding the R.A.F. The forwards smashed away at the opposing eight. Balmforth kept Walker moving with good passes besides making some smart breakaways, and the whole line was filled with enterprise. With all due deference to the champions, I think that the R.A.F. at this period played the best football of the season's series.

With 10 minutes to go Cobden rounded off some passing with the burst that those of us who had seen him before were awaiting. He rounded Ford,

EASTERN A.A. FOOTBALL TEAM RETURNS

The Eastern Athletic Association team returned to the Colony by the s.s. Helekon this morning after a very successful tour in Haiphong and Saigon.

Considerable anxiety was felt by relatives when it was stated in the Chinese papers that the Helekon had been detained by Japanese on its way to Hong Kong.

They will play their decisive game against the Royal Navy for the runners-up position of the First Division on Saturday at Caroline Hill.

BOXING

Kid Berg's New Title

Hamilton (Bermuda), April 14.—Kid Berg, the British boxer, won the welter-weight championship of Bermuda here last night when he beat Marine Bunker of H.M.S. Orion, who failed to come up for the ninth round.

Bunker, who is middle-weight champion of the West Indies Squadron, was a substitute for Johnny Semas, the local champion, who cried off, and thus forfeited his title.

Berg tore into his man from the start, and floored him three times in the third round. Bunker was again on the floor from a left to the body in the eighth round, but the bell saved him. Badly hurt and outclassed, Bunker was unable to continue, and Berg was awarded the fight.

Berg weighed 10 stone 6 lbs., and his opponent 10 stone 8 lbs.—Press Association.

handed-off Holmes, and scored, but too far out for Ireng to convert.

Right on "no-side" Walker got his memorable try which Cobden had no difficulty in converting.

R.A.F.:—Sergt. E. J. Parsons (Driffield); P/O. D. O. Cobden (Sealand); F/O. A. V. Rogers (Boscombe Down); F/O. C. D. Garvin (Upavon); L/A/C. T. B. Mahoney (Cranfield); F/Lt. C. A. Walker (Air Ministry); P/O. T. Balmforth (Grantham); P/O. T. F. T. Chambers (St. Athan); F/O. L. Fox (Lee-on-Solent); P/O. K. P. English (Sealand); F/O. H. J. Ireng (Hendon); F/O. J. A. Roncoroni (Upper Heyford); Sergt. W. C. Gascoigne (Upper Heyford); F/Lt. C. H. Beamish (Halton); A/C/Lt. J. Holland (Hendon).

Army:—Lt. R. N. B. Holmes (R.E.); Lt. F. J. V. Ford (Welch Regt.); Lt. R. Leyland (Educational Corps); Lt. J. Harrison (D. of Wellington's Regt.); Lt. D. C. Bevis (R.A.); Sergt. H. Ibbetson (Welch Regt.); Lt. J. L. Chambers (R.A.S.C.); L/Cpl. E. W. Farmer (Gloucestershire Regt.); P.S.M. C. Owen (Welch Regt.); Lt. J. L. Melville (Queen's O. Cameron H.L.); Capt. V. D. Terrant (Gloucester Regt.); Lt. C. L. Melville (Black Watch); Lt. A. J. Areng-Jones (Gloucestershire Regt.); Lt. R. L. France (R.M.); Capt. H. J. Sayers (R.A.). Referee: Norman Allen (Ireland).

**Studio Saxophone
Recital By
Palapo**

12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera.

"Duchess Of Dantzig"—Vocal Gems (Caryll)...Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

"Lilac Time"—Selection (Schubert, arr. Clutsam)...The New Mayfair Orchestra.

"Maritana"—Vocal Gems (Wallace)...Clara Serena, Doris Vane, Francis Russell, Dennis Noble and Chorus with Orchestra.

"Merrie England"—Selection (Edward German)...New Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Hubert Eisell (Tenor) and the New Light Symphony Orchestra. Poet and Peasant—Overture (Suppe)...New Light Symphony Orch.

Thinkin' Of Mary (Ashby—Bennett); Always As I Close My Eyes (Handfield-Jones & E. Coates)...Hubert Eisell (Tenor) with Piano.

Serenade Mauresque, Op. 10, No. 2 (Elgar); Benedictus (MacKenzie)...New Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by J. Ainslie Murray.

Love's Garden Of Roses (Haydn Wood); Roses Of Picardy (Wentherly & Haydn Wood)...Hubert Eisell (Tenor) with Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

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South West North East

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2 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass

3 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ Pass

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South's hand would be a sound opening bid without the King of spades. Hence, when his partner gave him a jump raise, he invited a

Slam in accordance with the rule of the Ace and the King. When North accepted by his bid of four hearts, South bid clubs once more in order to give his partner a chance to indicate either the Ace of diamonds or the King of clubs.

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To-day's Wireless

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1.40 p.m.—Latest Dance Music. Swing Fox-Trot — I'm Away Up High; Fox-Trot — Plastered In Paris...The Band Waggoners.

Tangos—Nada Mas; Frio...Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.

Fox-Trots—Shoe Shine Swing; Lady Be Good...Count Basie Quintet.

Rumba—It's An Old Cuban Custom; Novelty Fox-Trot—Swing Syncopation With a Fork And Spoon...Joe Daniels & His Hot Shots in 'Drumnastics'.

Waltz—One Day When We Were Young; Fox-Trot—Honey Chile...Jack Harris & His Orchestra at Ciro's.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.

7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.02 p.m.—Forty-Five Minutes of Variety with Bobby Breen, Fred Astaire, Hildegarde and Mantovani and His Tipica Orchestra.

Happy As A Lark (film 'Breaking The Ice')...Bobby Breen (Vocal) with Victor Young & His Orch.

Moonlight, Dancing And You—Waltz; For You, Madonna—Fox-Trot...Mantovani & His Tipica Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.

The Glory Of Love (Billy Hill); The Touch Of Your Lips (Noble)...Hildegarde (Vocal) with Carroll Gibbons & His Boy Friends.

The Way You Look To-Night (film 'Swing Time')...Fred Astaire (Vocal) with Johnny Green at the Piano with Orchestra.

Round A Gipsy Camp Fire (Romantic Gipsy Airs)...Mantovani & His Tipica Orchestra.

Bojangles Of Harlem—Fox-Trot (film 'Swing Time'); A Fine Romance—Fox-Trot (film 'Swing Time')...Fred Astaire (Vocal) with Johnny Green's Orchestra with Johnny Green at the Piano.

The Humming Waltz; Penny Serenade—Fox-Trot....Mantovani & His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.

Hawaii Calls (from the film); Down Where The Trade Winds Blow (film 'Hawaii Calls')...Bobby Breen with Orchestra.

7.45 p.m.—Studio—Dr. Lanchester on "What to Eat".

8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Studio—Saxophone Recital by Palapo.

1. Berceuse (Godard).

2. Valse Yvonne (Wiedolt).

3. Cragun Concerto No. 1, Op. 21 (Beach): (a) Allegro Brillante;

(b) Romanza; (c) Allegro Gioioso.

8.25 p.m.—Military Band Music.

The Old Frog Pond—Characteristic (Alford); Parade Of The Elephants—Characteristic (Chenet).

Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. George Miller.

The Jolly Coppersmith (Peter)....

The Silver Stars Band.

Songs of Scotland—Selection (arr. Duthoit)...The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. George Miller.

Washington Post (Sousa); Stars And Stripes For Ever (Sousa)....

The Band of H.M. Welsh Guards directed by Major Andrew Harris (With Male Chorus).

8.45 p.m.—London Relay—"Hail Columbia!" Great Britain's Greeting to the New York World's Fair. Men and women from all over the British Isles will contribute to this cross section of the British scene and British ways of life. In a rich variety of accents listeners will be told of typical industries and occupations followed in the West, the Midlands, and the North of England, in Scotland, Northern Ireland, and Wales. Peasantry and industry, as well as people, will be represented. There will, it is hoped, be a brief sound picture of the ceremony of Changing of the Guard, and there will be spokesmen for the cotton mills and shipyards. Events of topical interest on both sides of the Atlantic will not be forgotten—there will be reference to the appearance at the World's Fair of the famous railway train the Coronation Scot, and to the forthcoming transatlantic air service. The broadcast will end with a speech of goodwill by Lord Halifax.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—World Affairs by H. Wickham Steed.

9.45 p.m.—London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.

9.50 p.m.—Don Cossacks Choir.

Monotonously Rings The Little Bell (Russian Folk Song—arr. Jaroff); Song Of The Volga Boatmen (Russian Folk Song)...conducted by Serge Jaroff. Unaccompanied.

9.58 p.m.—R.B.C. Recording—"The Air-Do-Wells". A Radio Concert Party with Claude Gardner, Effie Atherton, Brian Lawrence, Jean Colin, Ronald Hill, Marion Lawson, Wilfred Thomas, Margaret Steddeford and The B.B.C. Variety Orchestra under the direction of St. Kneale Kelley.

11 p.m.—Close down.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE KING'S — "Always Goodbye". Barbara Stanwyck, Herbert Marshall and Ian Hunter in a vivid and gripping drama of conflicting loves, superbly staged and powerfully portrayed. A fine supporting cast includes Cesar Romero, Lynn Bari, Binnie Barnes, Franklyn Pangborn, Ben Welden and Hollywood's latest child star, little Johnny Russell.

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AT THE CATHAY — "Josette". Papa wants to marry Josette, so his two big sons come to the rescue, with the result of one of the season's gayest musical romances with Don Ameche, Simon Simone, Robert Young, Bert Lahr, John Davis, Paul Hurst and William Collier, senr.

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AT THE QUEEN'S — "The Great Man Votes", with John Barrymore, Peter Holden, Virginia Weidler and Katharine Alexander. Said to give the famous actor his finest role in years, "The Great Man Votes" presents John Barrymore as a broken-down wreck of a once famous scholar who, through the love and resourcefulness of his two children, again becomes a "great man." Peter Holden and Virginia Weidler have the roles of the two youngsters, and Luis Alberni, Donald MacBride, Katharine Alexander, Granville Bates and J. M. Kerrigan are prominently cast in this unusual offering.

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 4th May to the 18th May 1939, both days inclusive.

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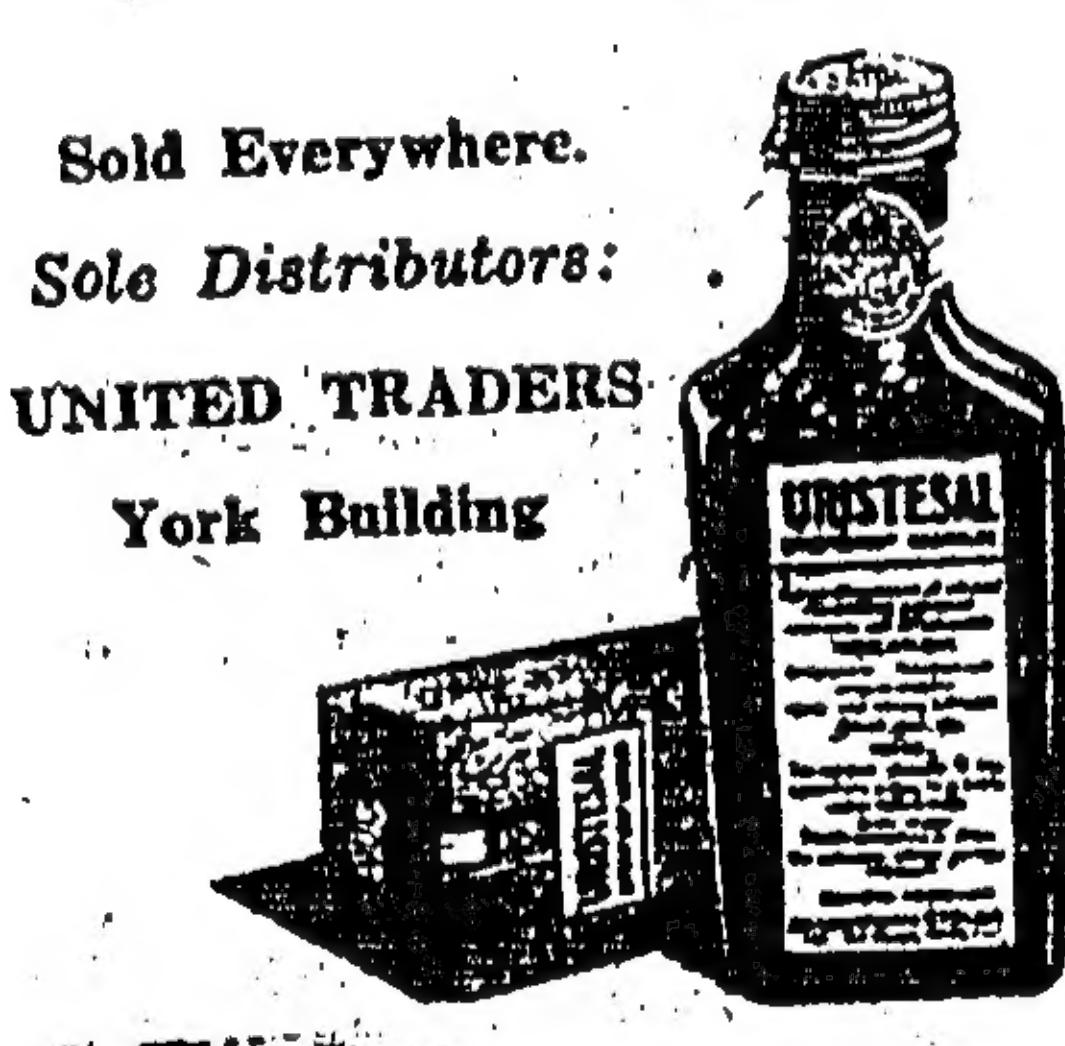
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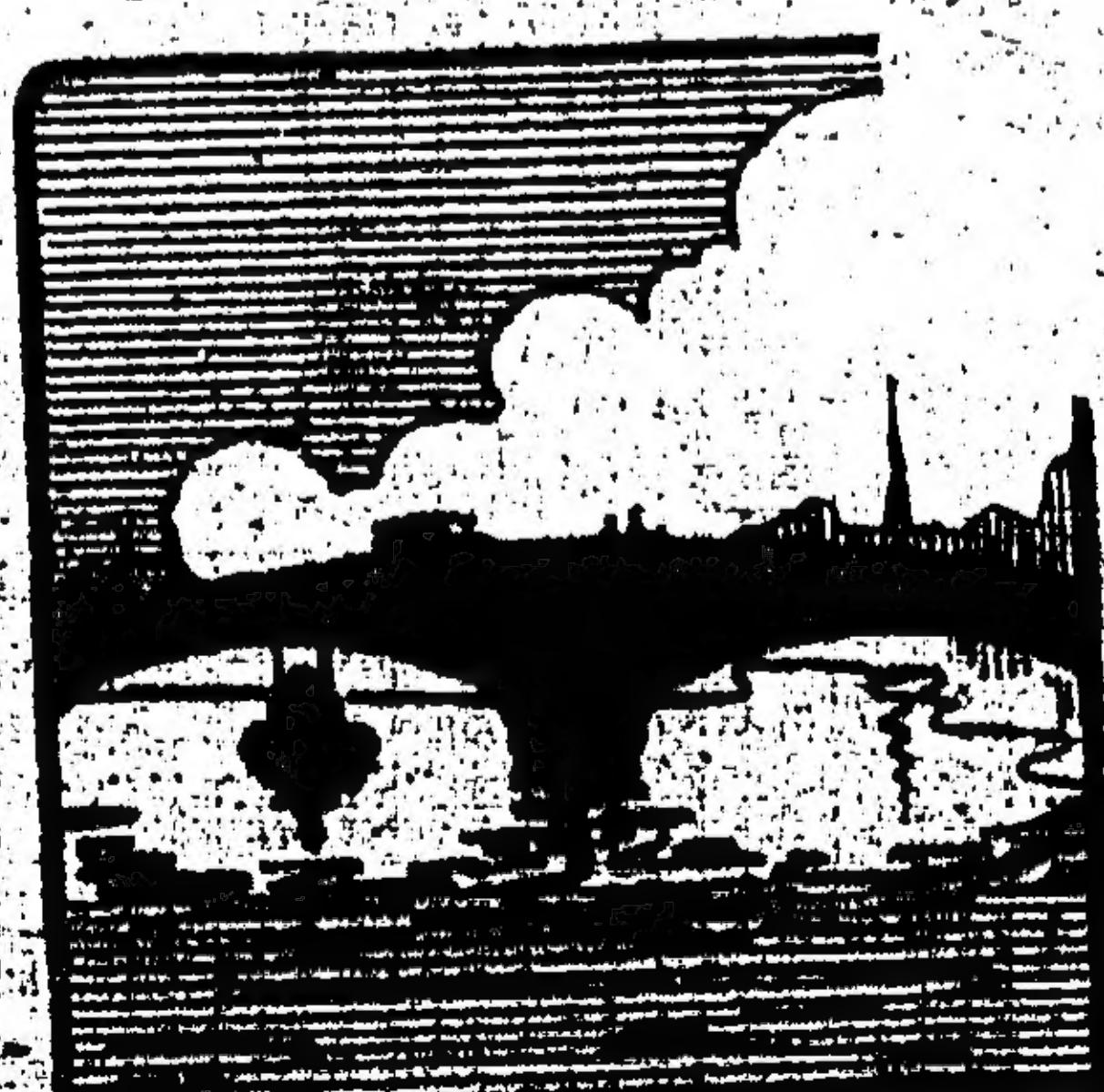
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A notification to this effect has been issued by the Japanese authorities who also announce that in order to prevent speculation, all military scrip of one, five and ten yen in circulation in Canton, must be presented as soon as possible at one of the three Japanese banks—the Yokohama Specie Bank, the Bank of Taiwan and the South China Bank—for special stamping.

Purpose of the distinguishing chop, it is explained, is to prevent the smuggling of Japanese military scrip from the Shanghai area to Canton, where the exchange value is higher.—Reuter.

GAOL FOR CONVERSION

Lau Ki-shum, 21, broker, was charged before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy this morning with fraudulent conversion of \$215.58, received from Au Yun-lam, caterer of Gloucester Hotel, in December.

Det. Sergt. Mcvey said defendant was employed by Wong Chee-fong, master of a rice shop at No. 28 Queen's Street. Defendant collected the money from Au, and absconded.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed.

Masked Raiders At Sheungshui

Masked raiders stole \$346 from a house at Sheung Shui Village this morning.

Ho Ping, 36, the occupier, has informed the Police, that about 2.30 a.m., he was awakened by the barking of a dog, and saw three robbers armed with revolvers, inside the house. Later, four more men entered.

Two of them were armed with rifles.

The seven robbers were all masked with handkerchiefs. Money and jewellery to the value of \$346.50 were stolen.

"MINISTER" IN BERLIN

Prague, To-day.
The former Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, Dr. Franz Chvalkovsky, has been appointed by Dr. Hacha, Minister of the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia to Berlin, it is officially announced.

Dr. Chvalkovsky will arrive in Berlin within the next few days.—Trans-Ocean.

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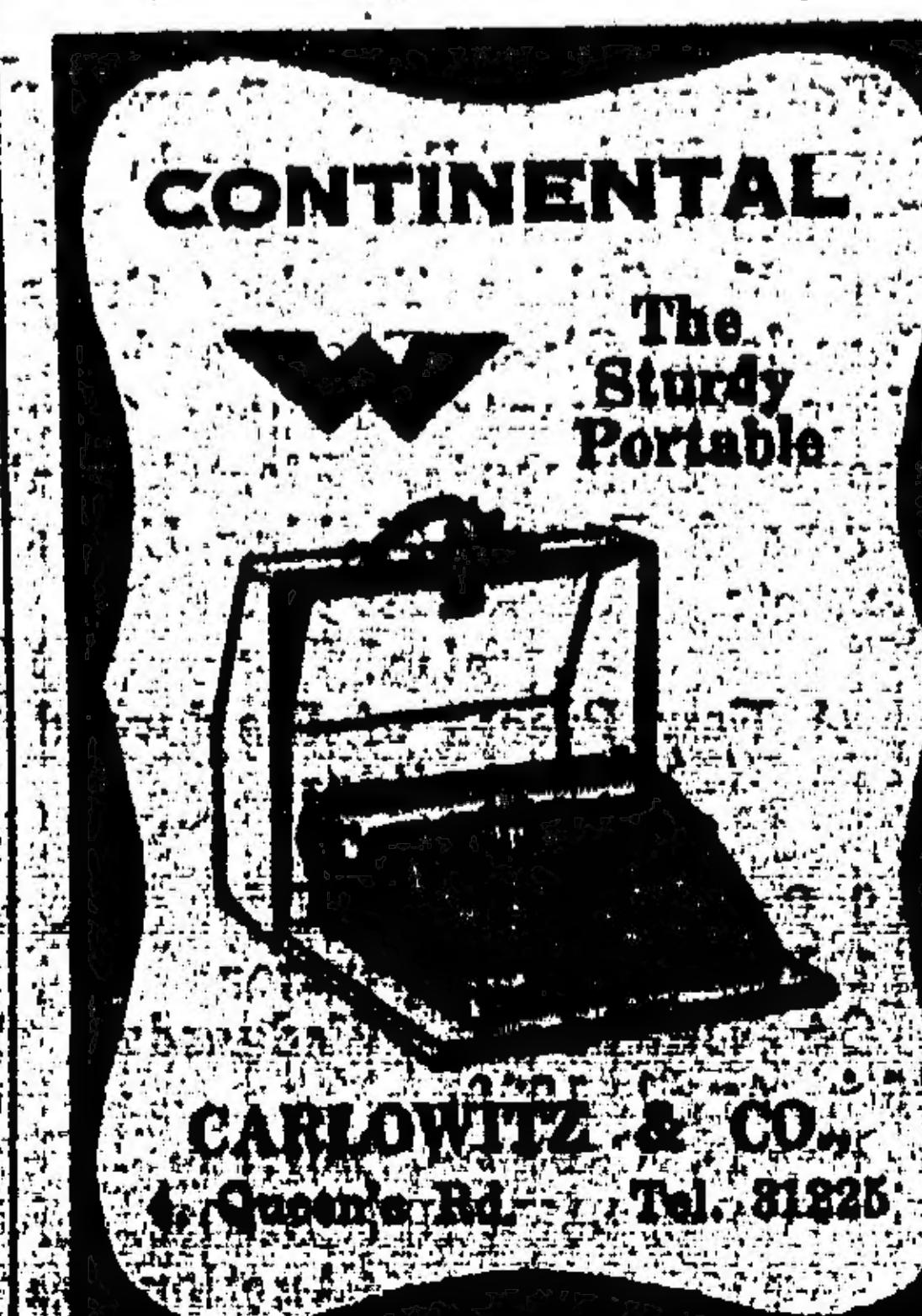
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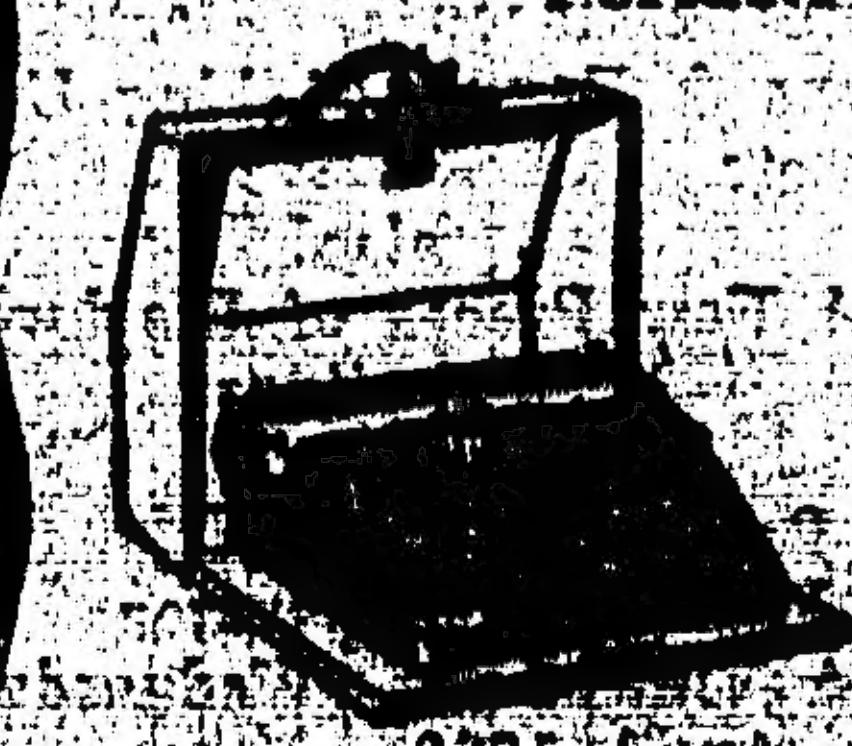
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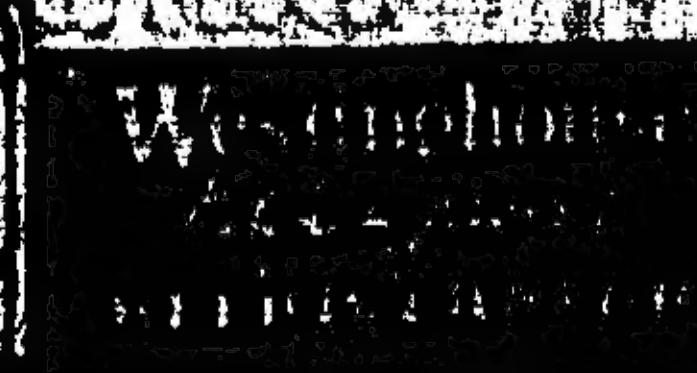
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